



# I'm in LOVE

with the **VILLAINESS**

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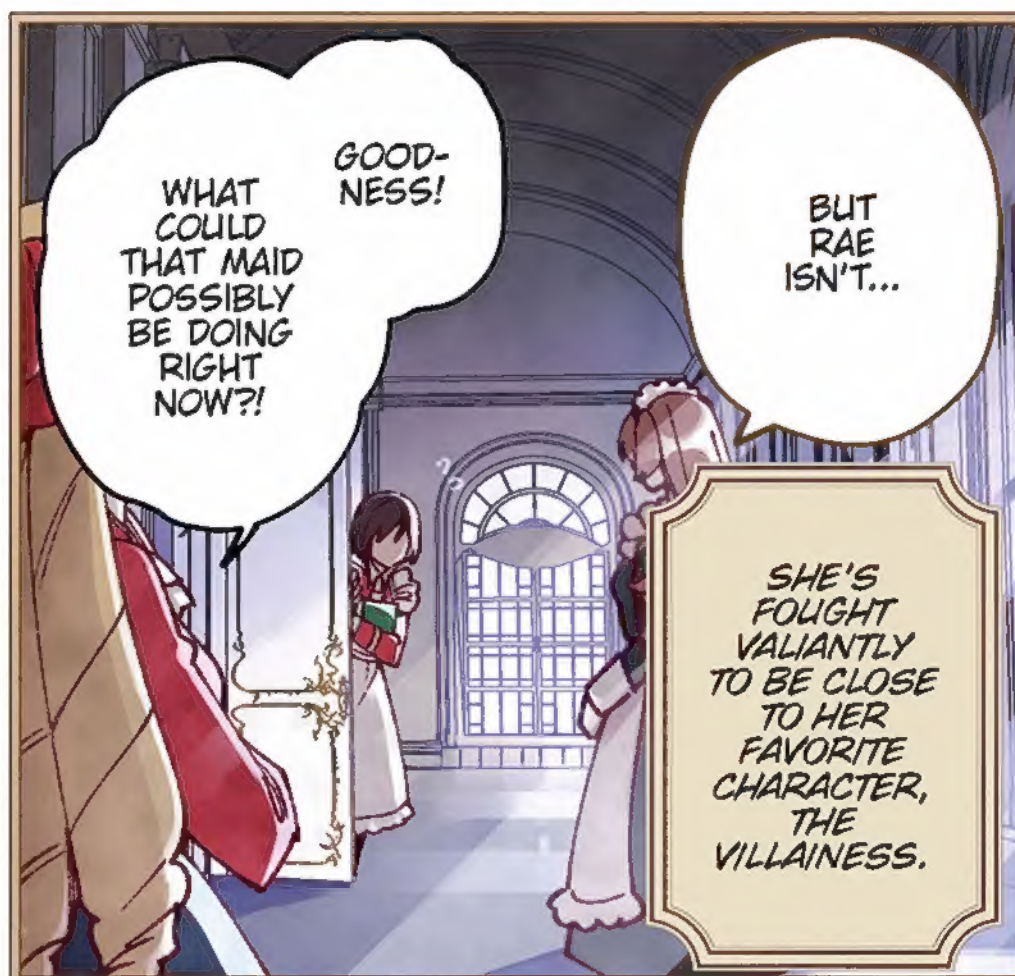






LENE!  
IT'S  
ALMOST  
TIME FOR  
US TO  
LEAVE.

RAE TAYLOR  
HAS BEEN  
REBORN  
INSIDE A  
VIDEO  
GAME.

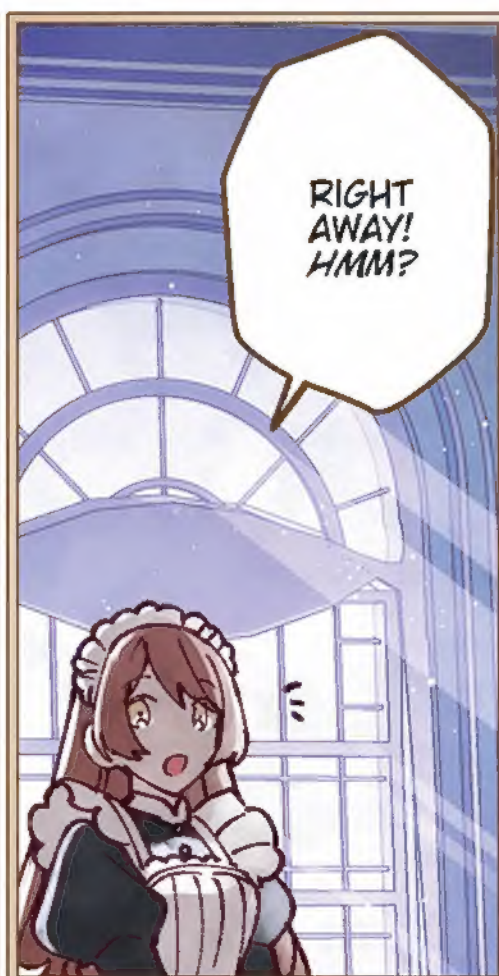


WHAT  
COULD  
THAT MAID  
POSSIBLY  
BE DOING  
RIGHT  
NOW?!

GOOD-  
NESS!

BUT  
RAE  
ISN'T...

SHE'S  
FOUGHT  
VALIANTLY  
TO BE CLOSE  
TO HER  
FAVORITE  
CHARACTER,  
THE  
VILLAINESS.



RIGHT  
AWAY!  
HMM?



RAE  
TAYLOR!

HURRY  
IT UP  
ALREADY...





AND  
SHE'S  
CURRENTLY  
ENJOYING  
EVERY  
ASPECT OF  
HER LIFE  
AS A MAID.



RIGHT  
AWAY!





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with the VILLAINESS





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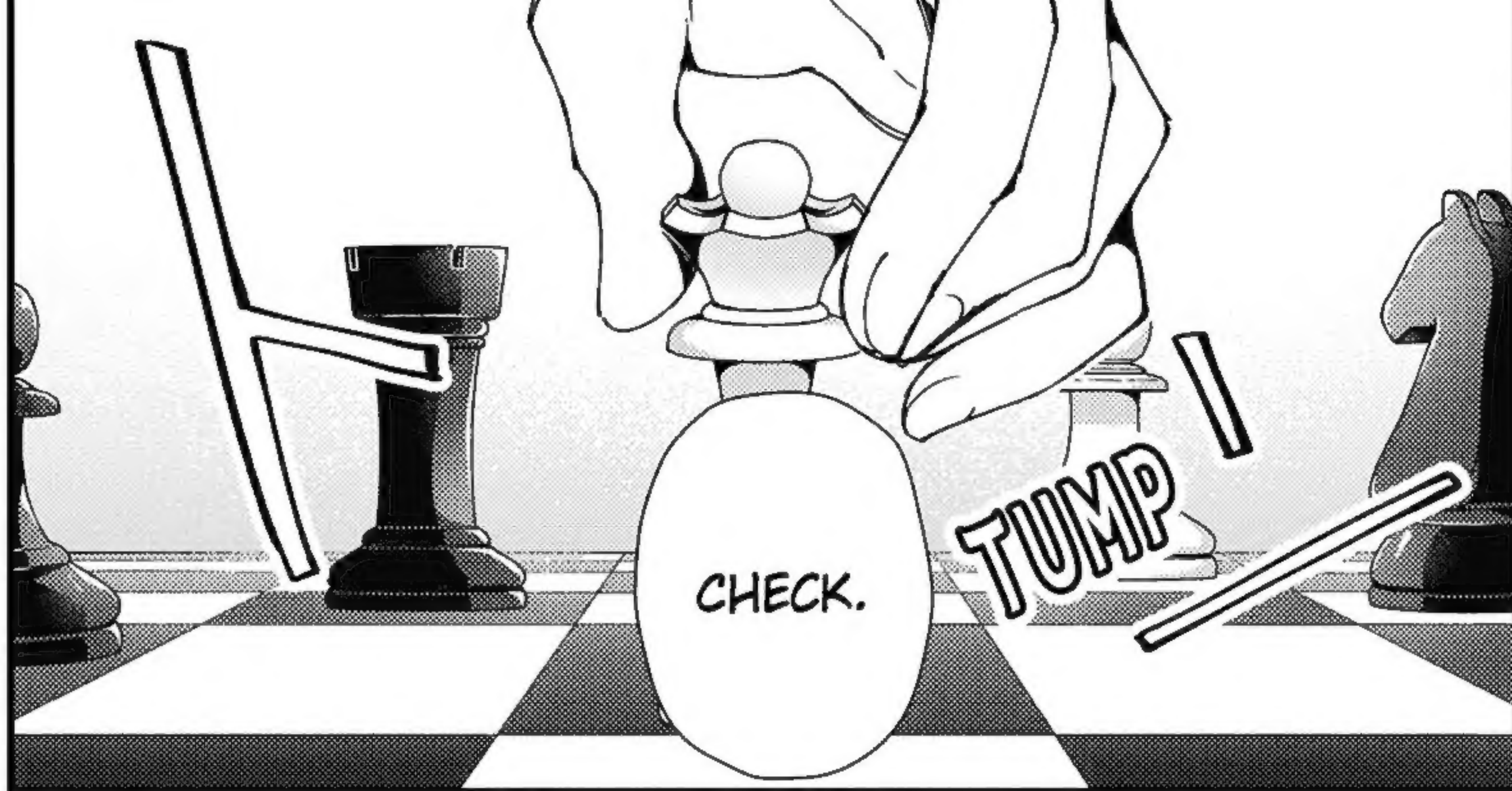
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HE  
THINKS  
THE  
WORLD  
REVOLVES  
AROUND  
HIM.

I'VE  
TRIGGERED  
HIS  
INTEREST  
IN ME BY  
PERFORMING  
WELL  
DURING  
THE MOST  
RECENT  
TEST.

AS FOR  
WHY I'VE  
UNFORTU-  
NATELY  
BEEN  
CAUGHT  
BY HIM  
TODAY...



ARE  
GOOD.

THE  
FIRST  
PRINCE,  
ROD  
BAUER.



MASTER  
ROD...

WOULD  
YOU  
CARE TO  
ADMIT  
DEFEAT?

EXCUSE  
YOU!



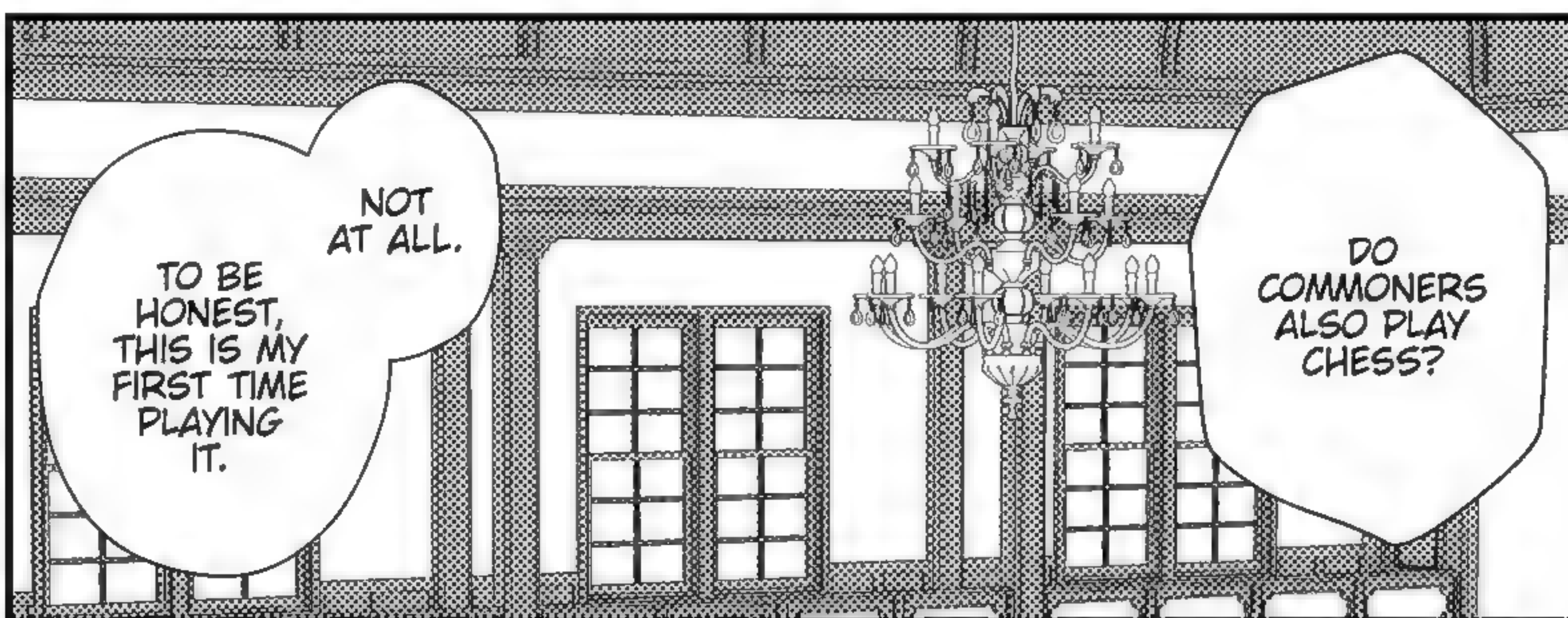
UN-  
FORTU-  
NATELY  
FOR YOU,  
NO.

HOW DIS-  
RESPECTFUL  
CAN  
YOU BE?!





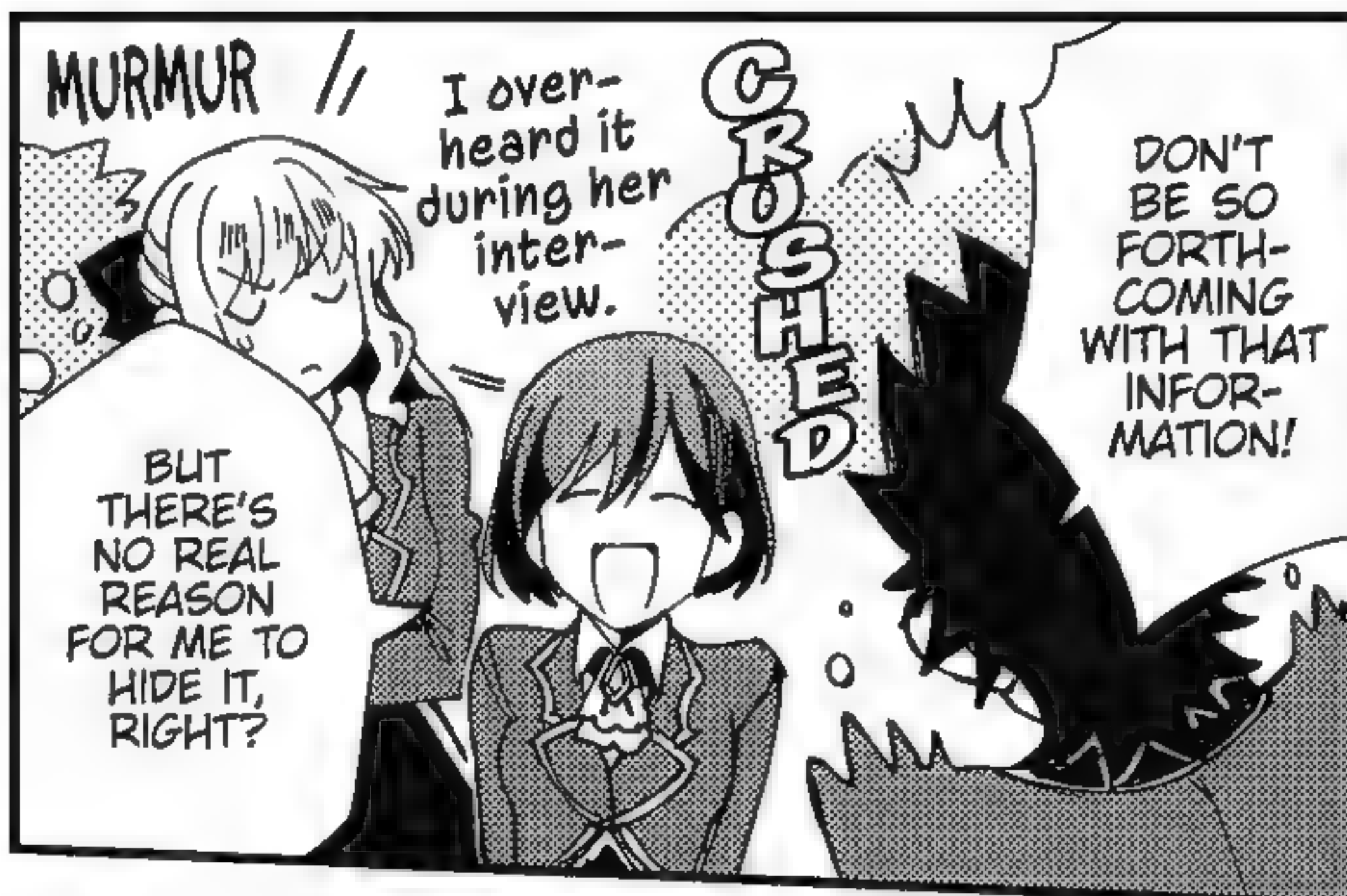




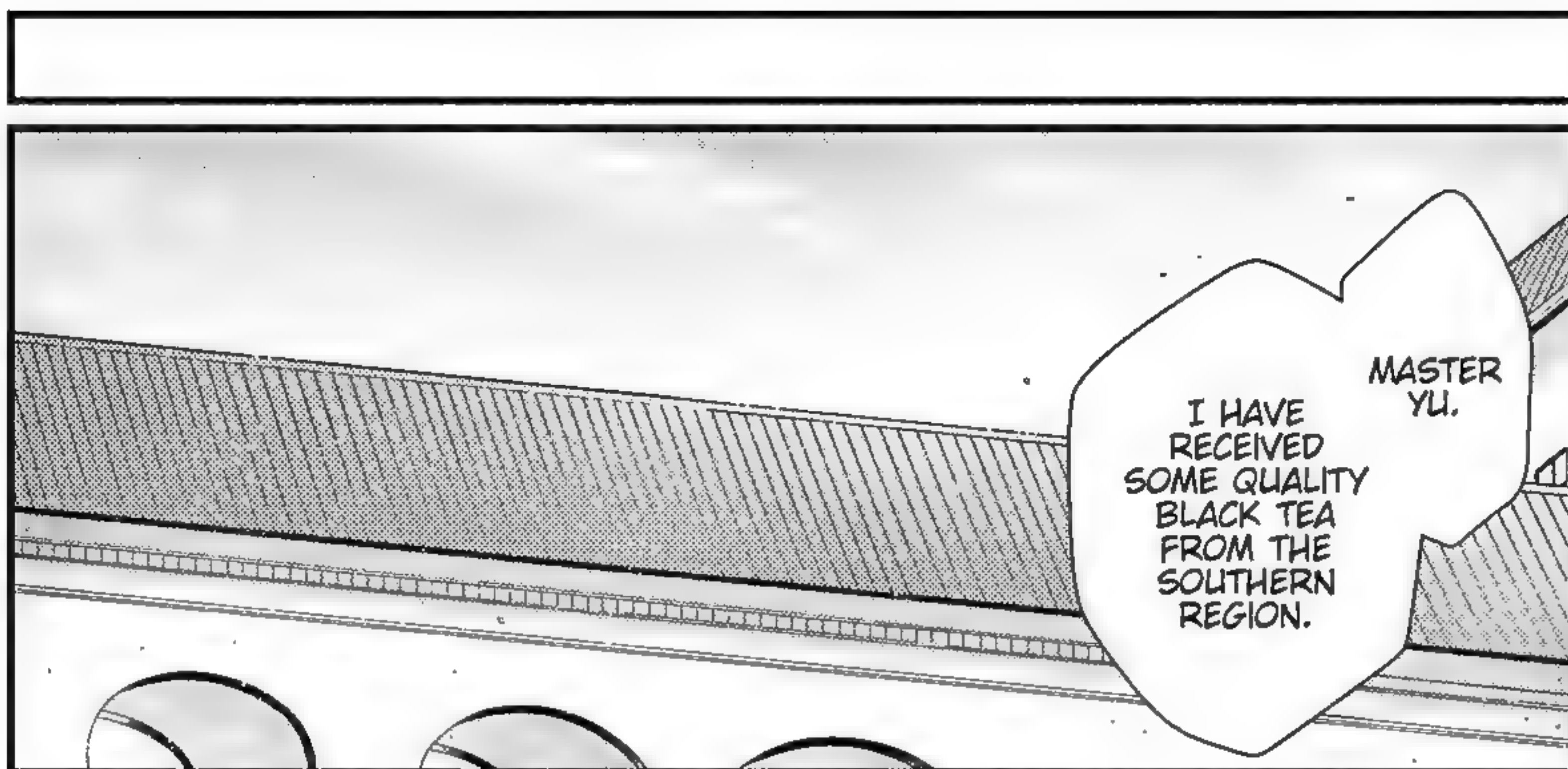




















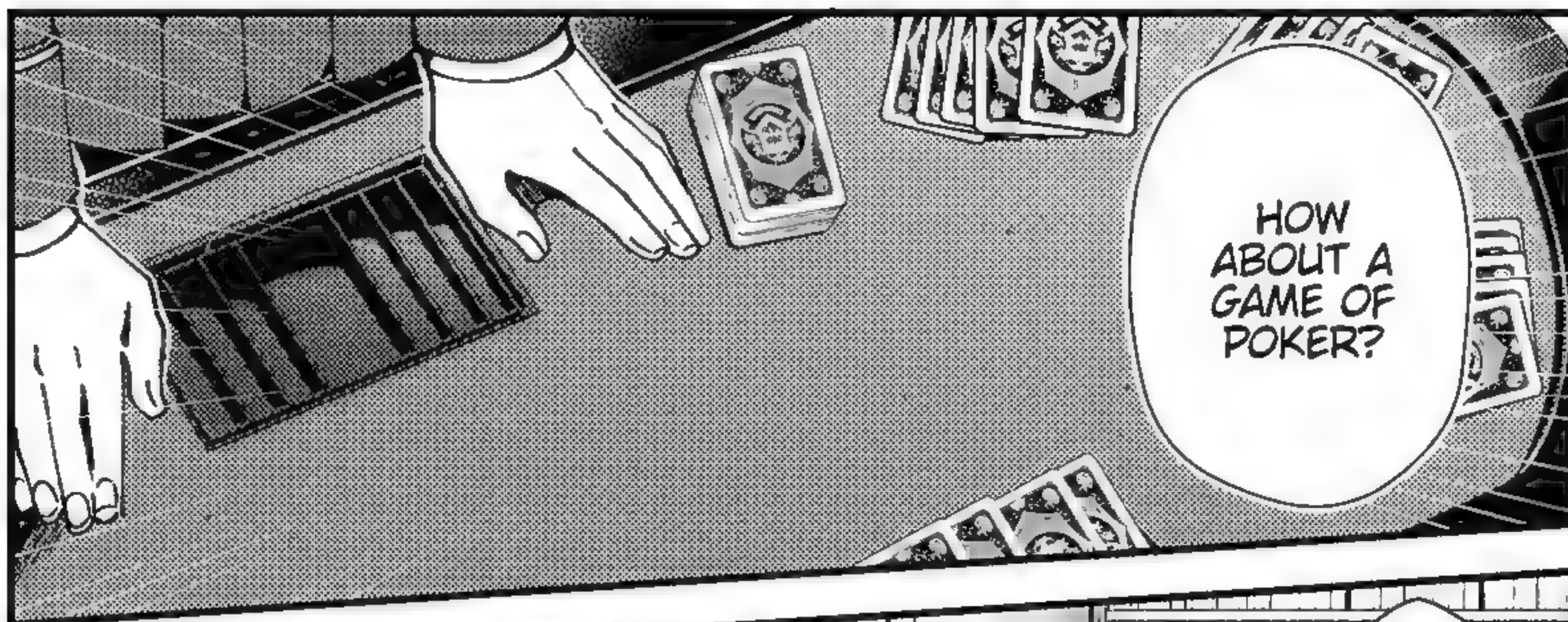




















SPEAKING  
OF MASTER  
YU, IT'S BEST  
NOT TO  
INVOLVE HIM  
AS MUCH AS  
POSSIBLE.



YOU  
REALLY  
ARE AN  
INTERESTING  
GIRL,  
RAE.



I SHALL  
EXCHANGE  
A SINGLE  
CARD.

NEXT  
IS  
CLAIRE.



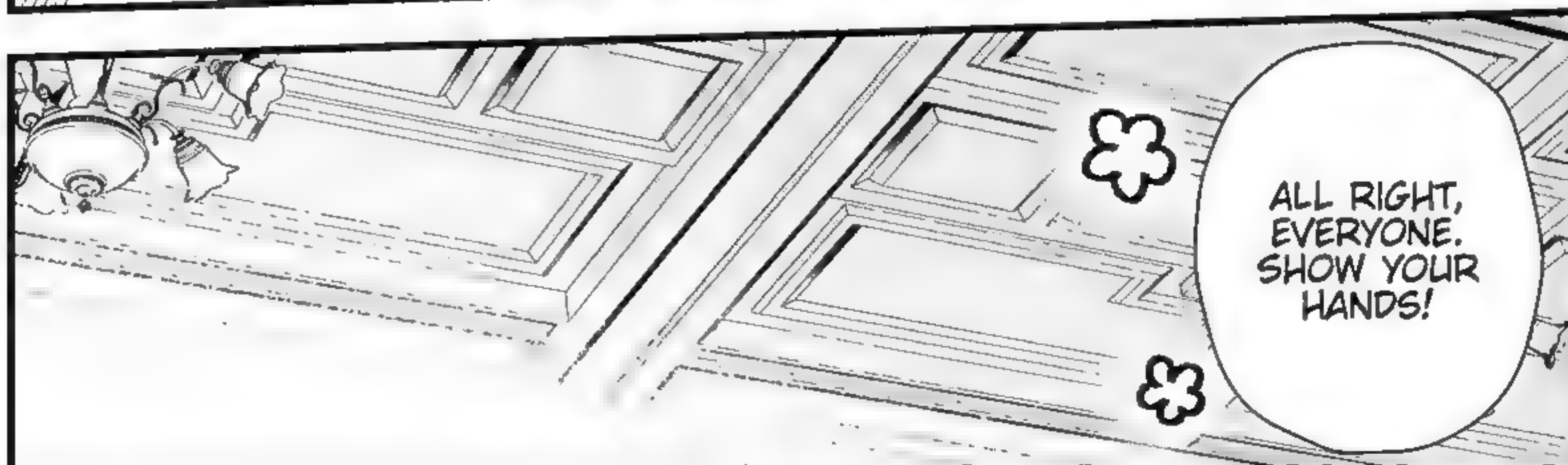
MISS  
CLAIRE'S  
AN OPEN  
BOOK.

I CAN  
TELL THAT  
SHE'S  
GOT A GOOD  
HAND.

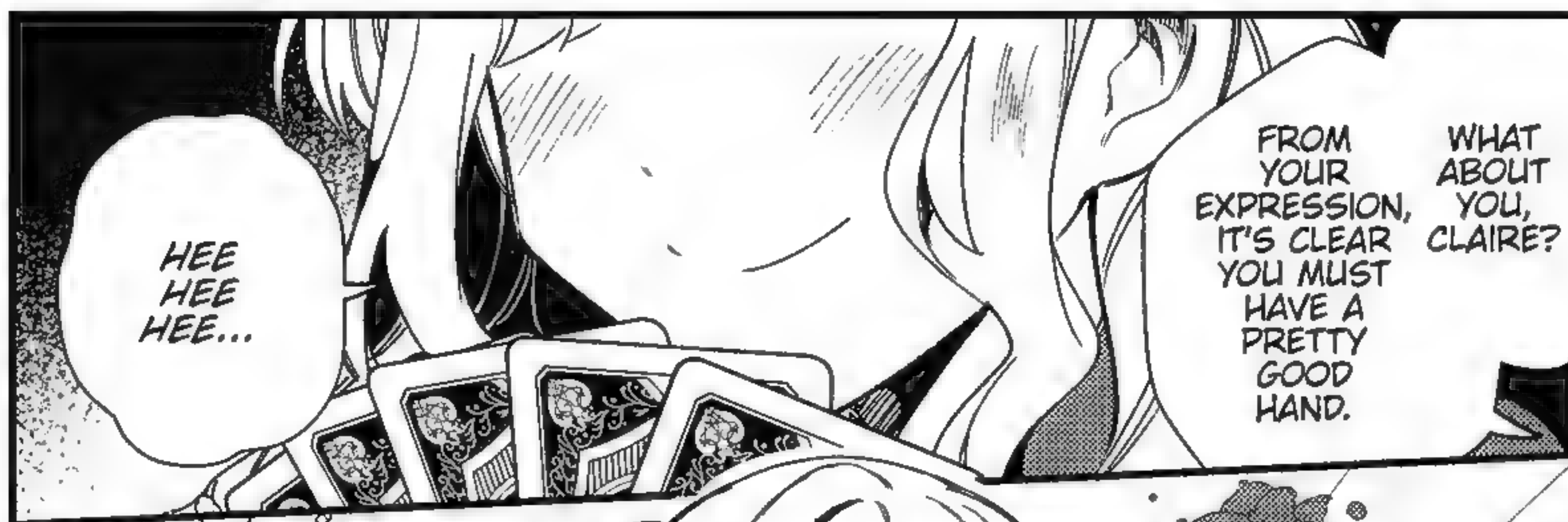












HEE  
HEE  
HEE...

FROM  
YOUR  
EXPRESSION,  
IT'S CLEAR  
YOU MUST  
HAVE A  
PRETTY  
GOOD  
HAND.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU,  
CLAIRE?



I HAVE  
A FULL  
HOUSE!

OH  
HO  
HO  
HO!



THEN  
I'M LAST.

AS  
FOR MY  
HAND...

HOW  
ADORABLE.

I DON'T  
BELIEVE  
THERE'S  
A MORE  
POWERFUL  
HAND AT  
PLAY THAN  
MISS  
CLAIRE'S.

WOW!  
THAT'S  
AMAZING!





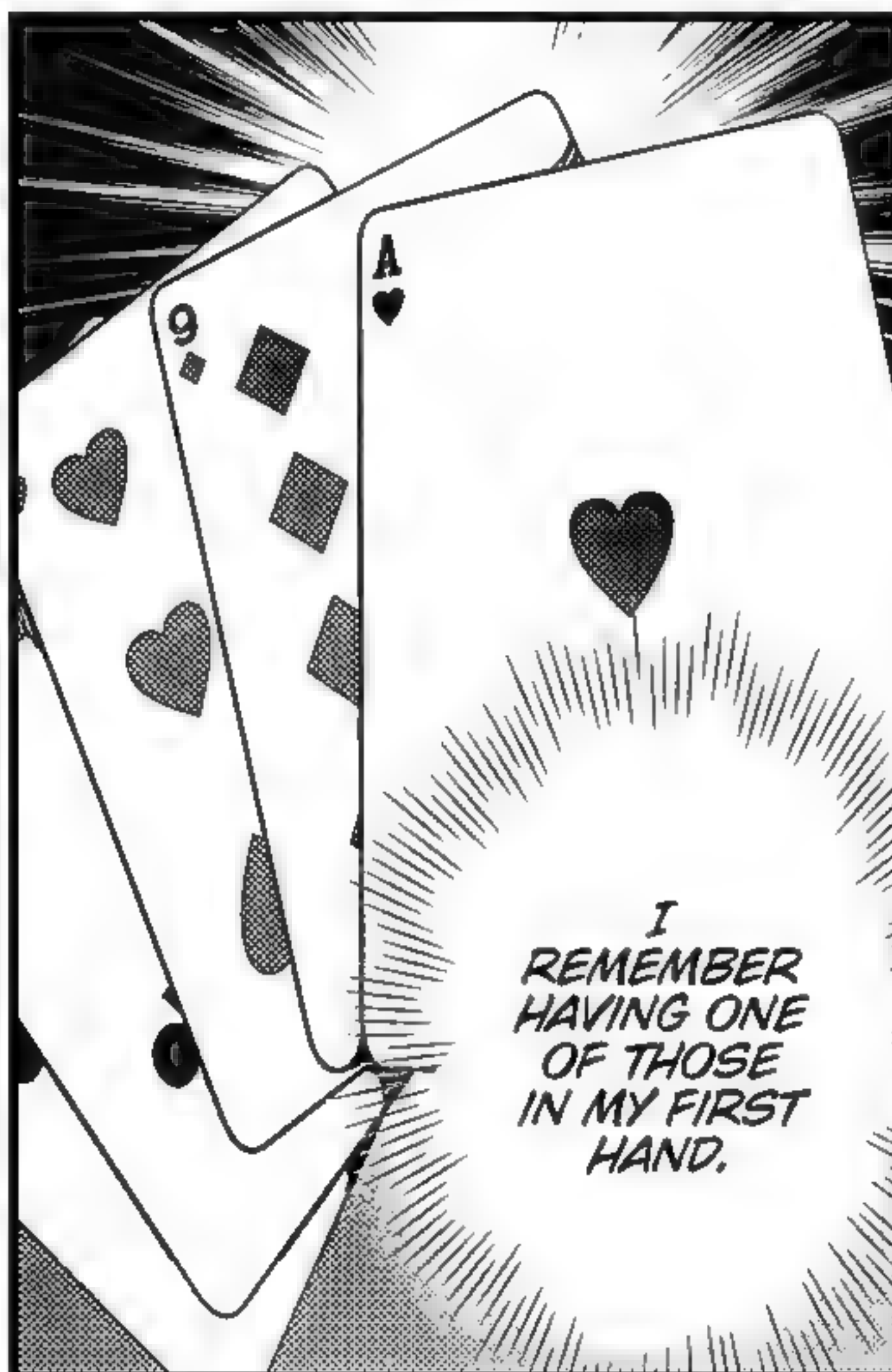




NOW I  
GET IT.



THE  
DEALER  
IS ON  
MASTER  
YU'S  
SIDE.



I  
REMEMBER  
HAVING ONE  
OF THOSE  
IN MY FIRST  
HAND.



YOU...

CUNNING  
FOX OF A  
PRINCE!



IT  
SEEMS LIKE  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
YOU WISH  
TO SAY.

RAE.

NO,  
NOT AT  
ALL.

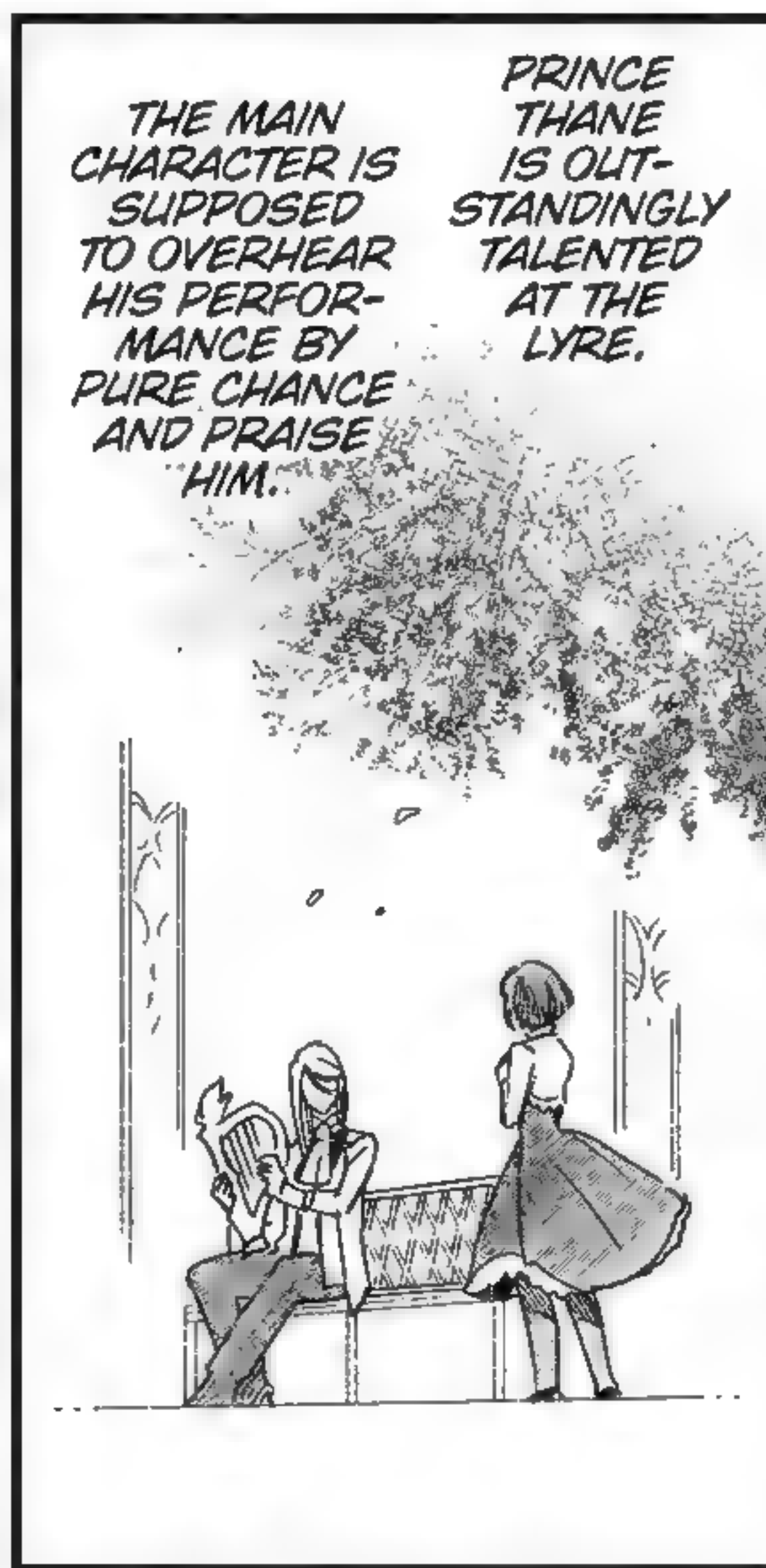




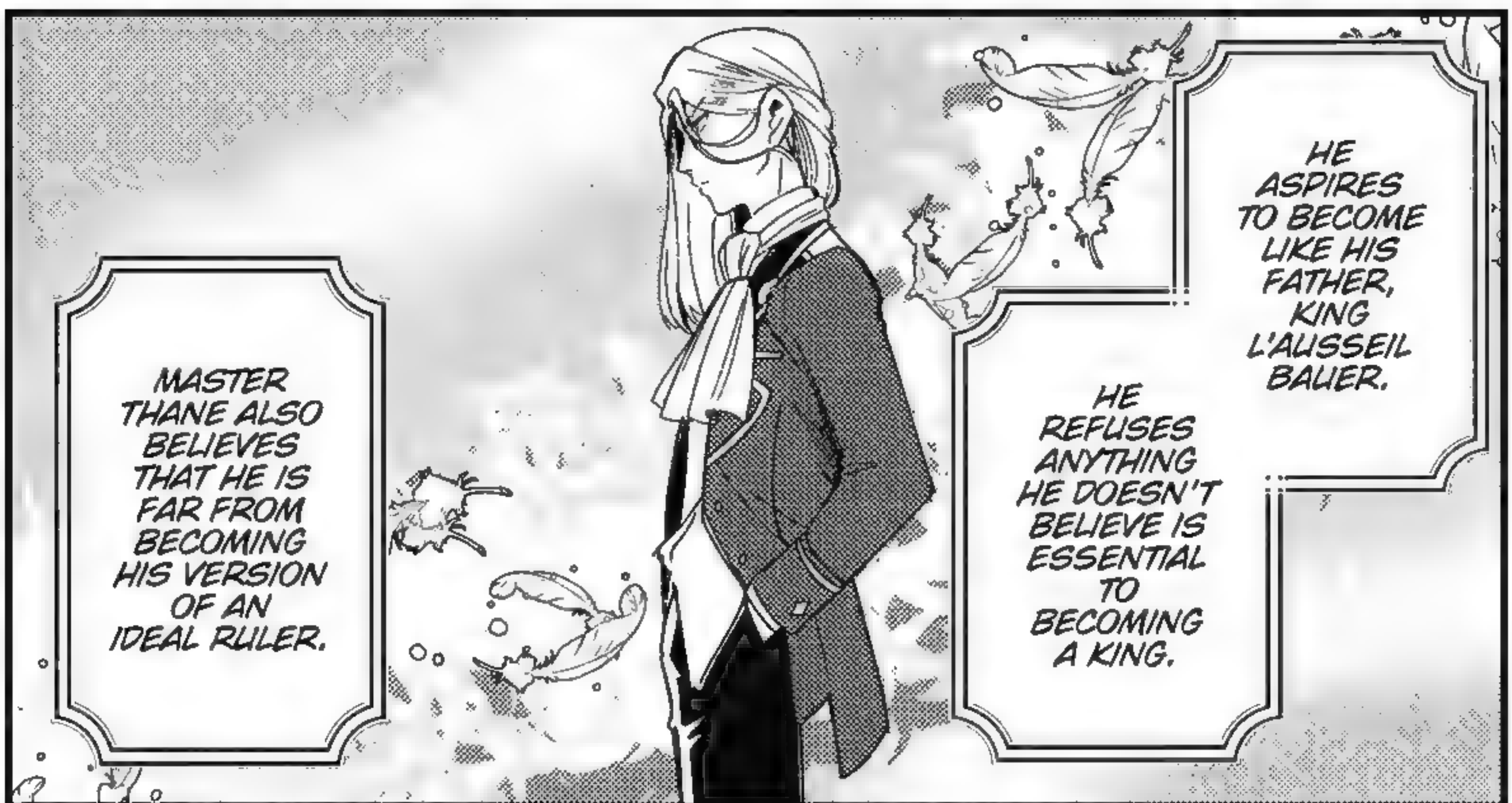
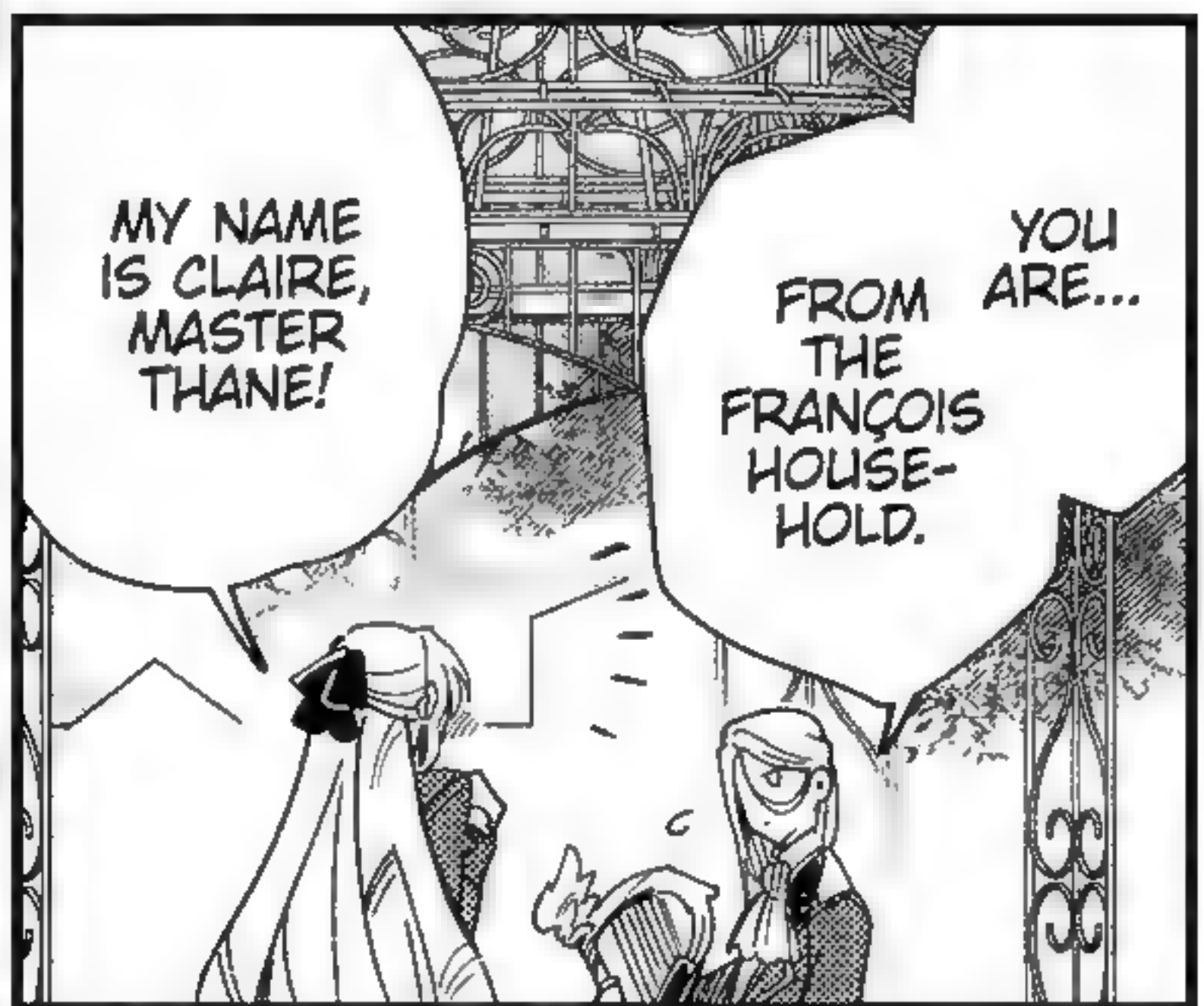
























LET'S  
SEE. HOW  
ABOUT...



HRM.  
I'M NOT  
USED TO  
HANDING  
OUT  
ORDERS.

PLEASE  
GIVE US  
AN ORDER,  
MASTER  
THANE.



I  
AM.



#3

#2

GRH!

NUMBER  
TWO AND  
NUMBER  
THREE  
MUST HOLD  
HANDS.



STROKE

















"R-  
RIGHT.  
I UNDER-  
STAND  
THAT  
MUCH,  
BUT..."

"THIS WAY,  
WE'LL BE  
ABLE TO  
TELL MISS  
CLAIRE AND  
MASTER  
THANE'S  
NUMBERS."

"THE  
OTHER  
WILL BLINK  
TO  
INDICATE  
THEIR  
NUMBER."

"THAT'S  
RIGHT.  
WHENEVER  
EITHER  
OF US  
BECOMES  
THE  
KING..."



OKAY!  
I'VE MADE  
UP MY  
MIND!

I WANT  
NUMBER  
TWO AND  
NUMBER  
FOUR  
TO...



AT THIS  
RATE, IT'S  
GOING TO  
APPEAR AS  
IF RAE IS  
TRYING TO  
PAIR THESE  
TWO UP.

IS THIS  
REALLY  
ALL  
RIGHT?



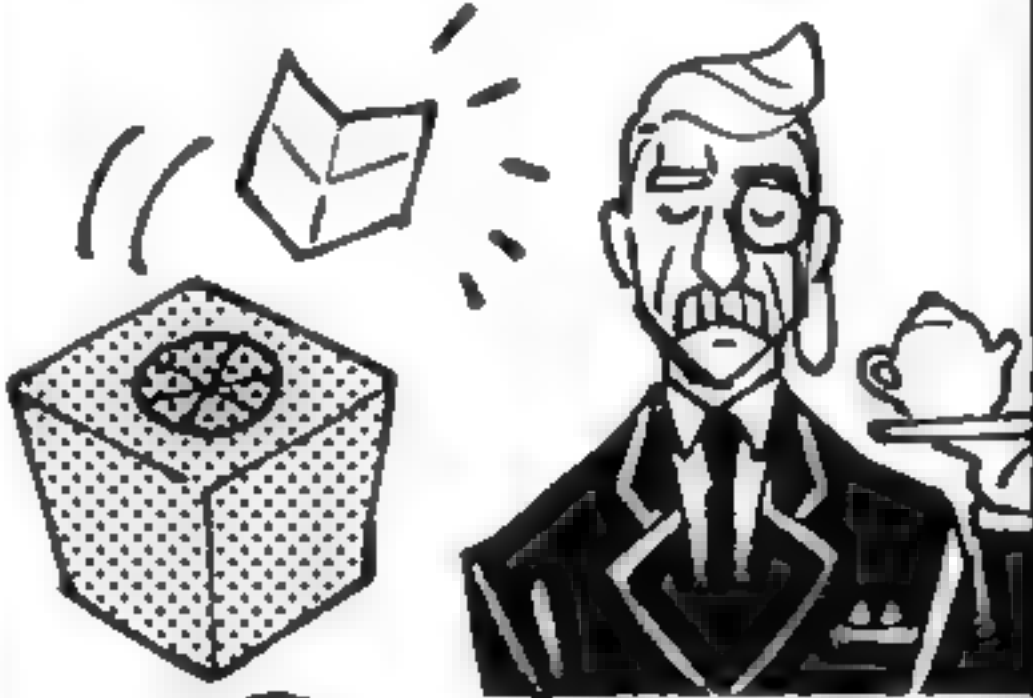




THE BUTLER'S GAME IS AS FOLLOWS.

② BEFORE WE DRAW, WE WRITE DOWN REQUESTS AND PLACE THEM IN A BOX. THOSE BECOME ORDERS FOR THE BUTLER TO GIVE.

① JUST LIKE IN THE KING'S GAME, THE BUTLER DECIDES WHO DOES WHAT.

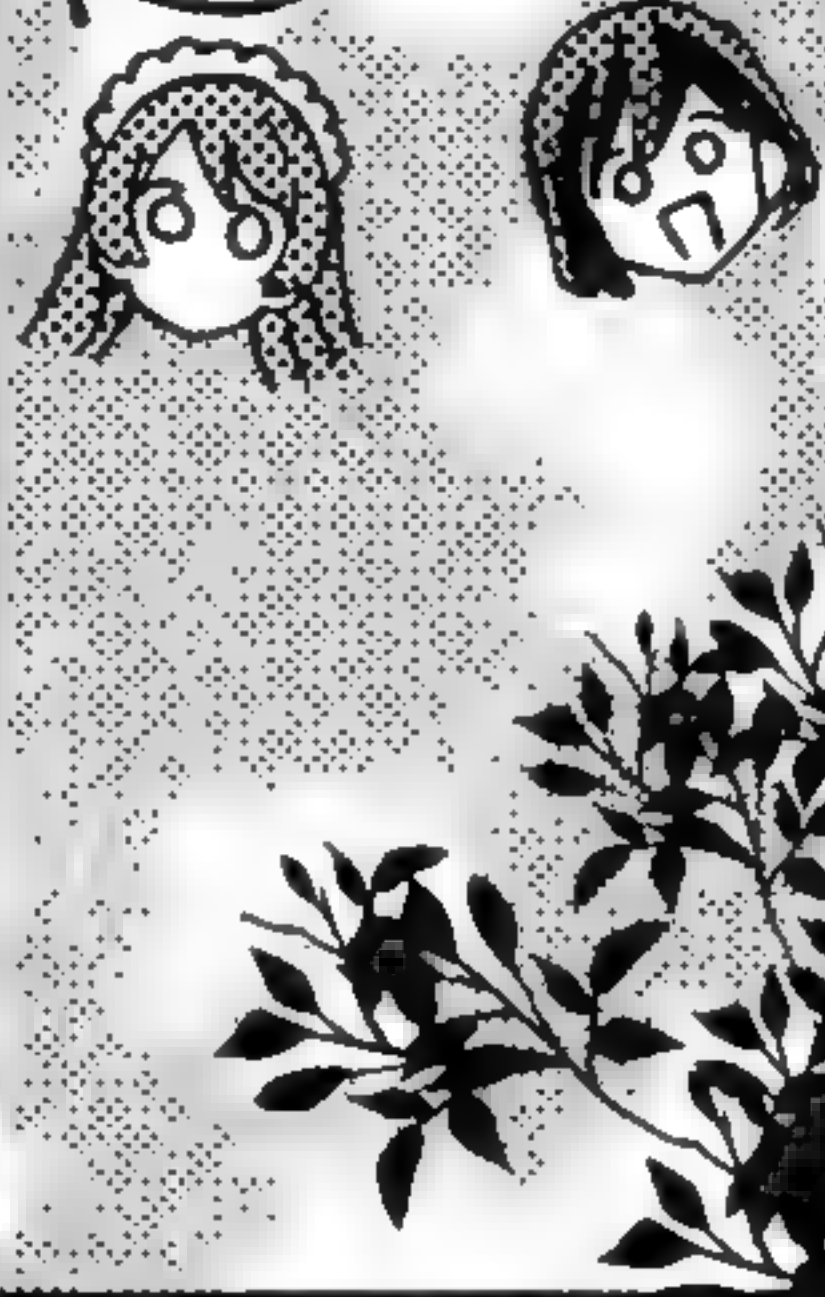


IN THAT CASE, THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!



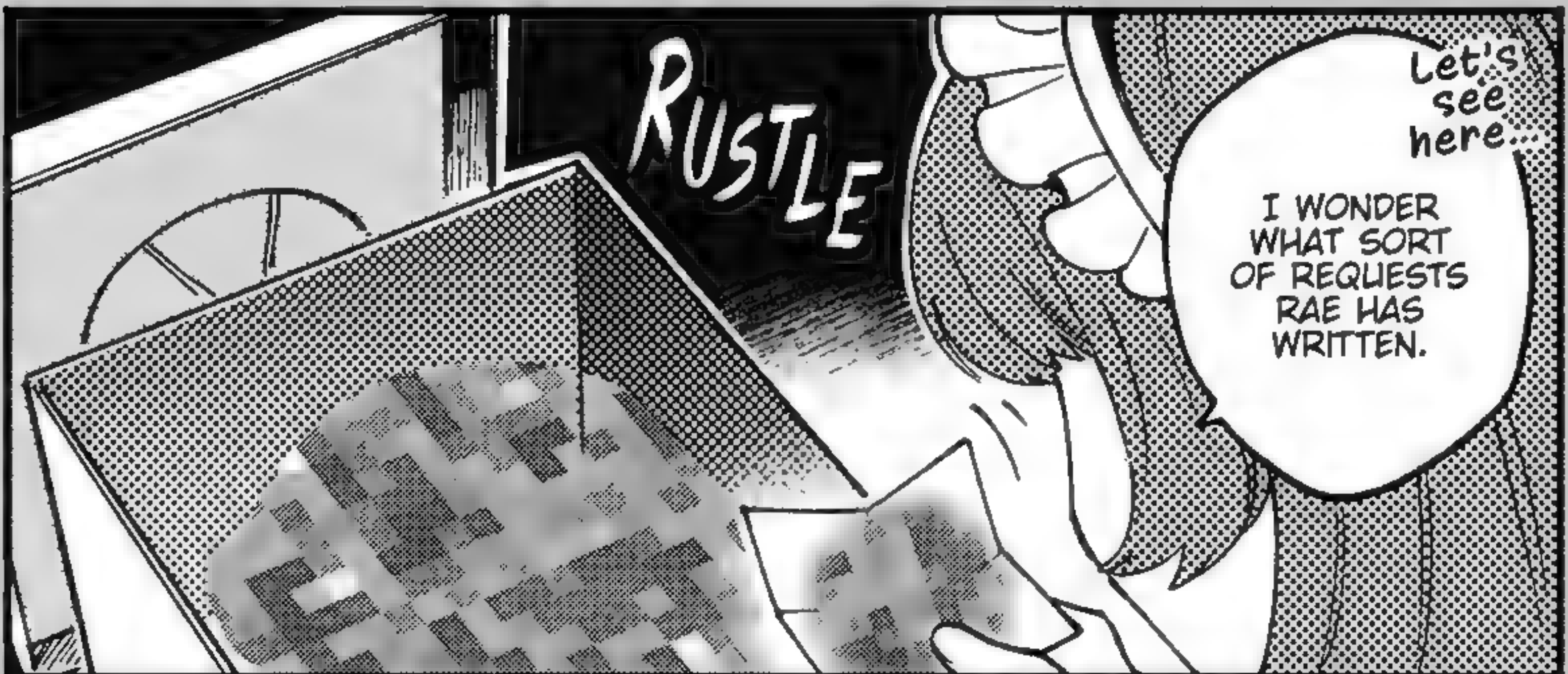
WHAT'S THE BUTLER'S GAME?

THEN SHOULD WE CHANGE IT TO THE BUTLER'S GAME?



I FEEL UNEASY GIVING ORDERS TO THOSE ABOVE ME.

RAE, ALLOW ME TO SAY SOMETHING.



Let's see here...

I WONDER WHAT SORT OF REQUESTS RAE HAS WRITTEN.

WAAA! I SPENT SO MUCH TIME ON THOSE!



RIP  
RIP



LET'S STICK WITH THE PLAN TO PLAY THE KING'S GAME.



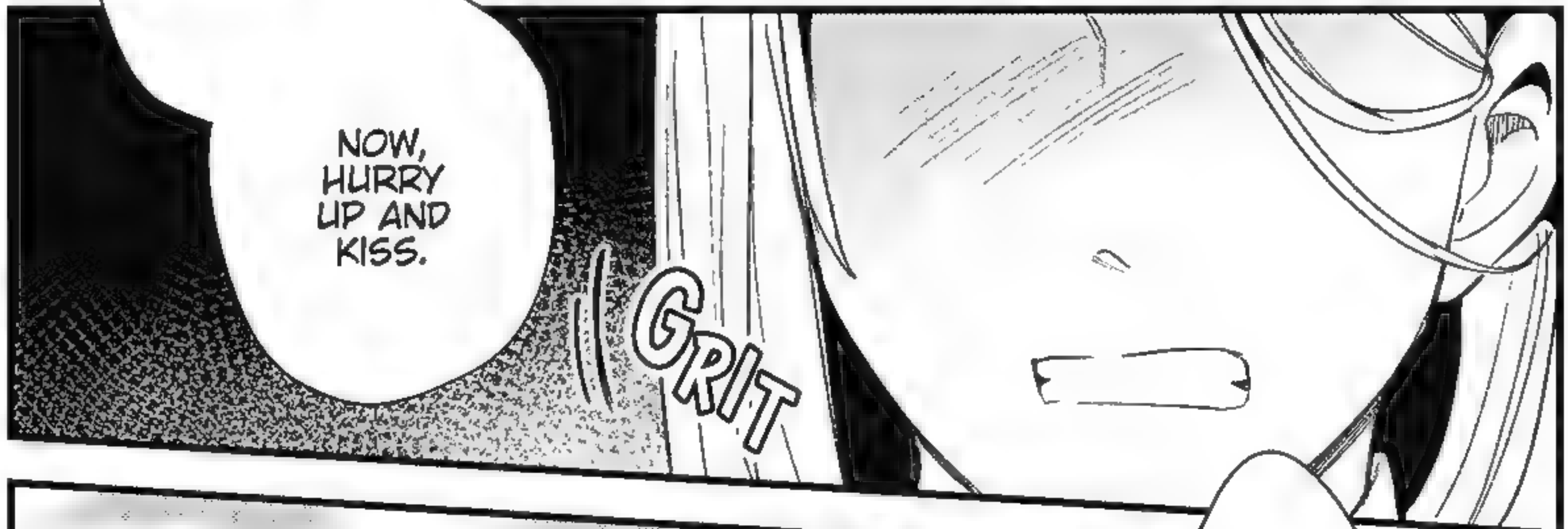
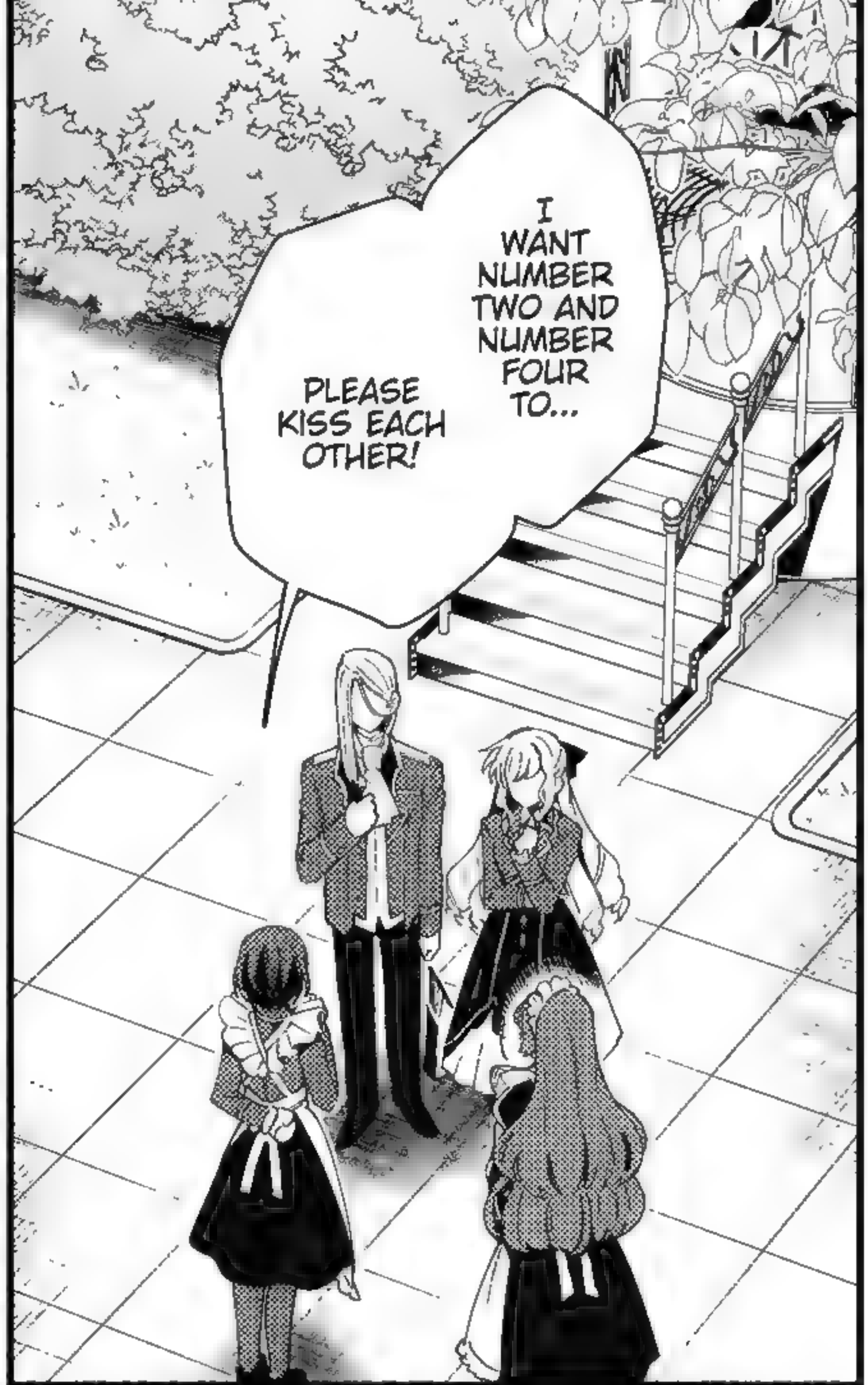




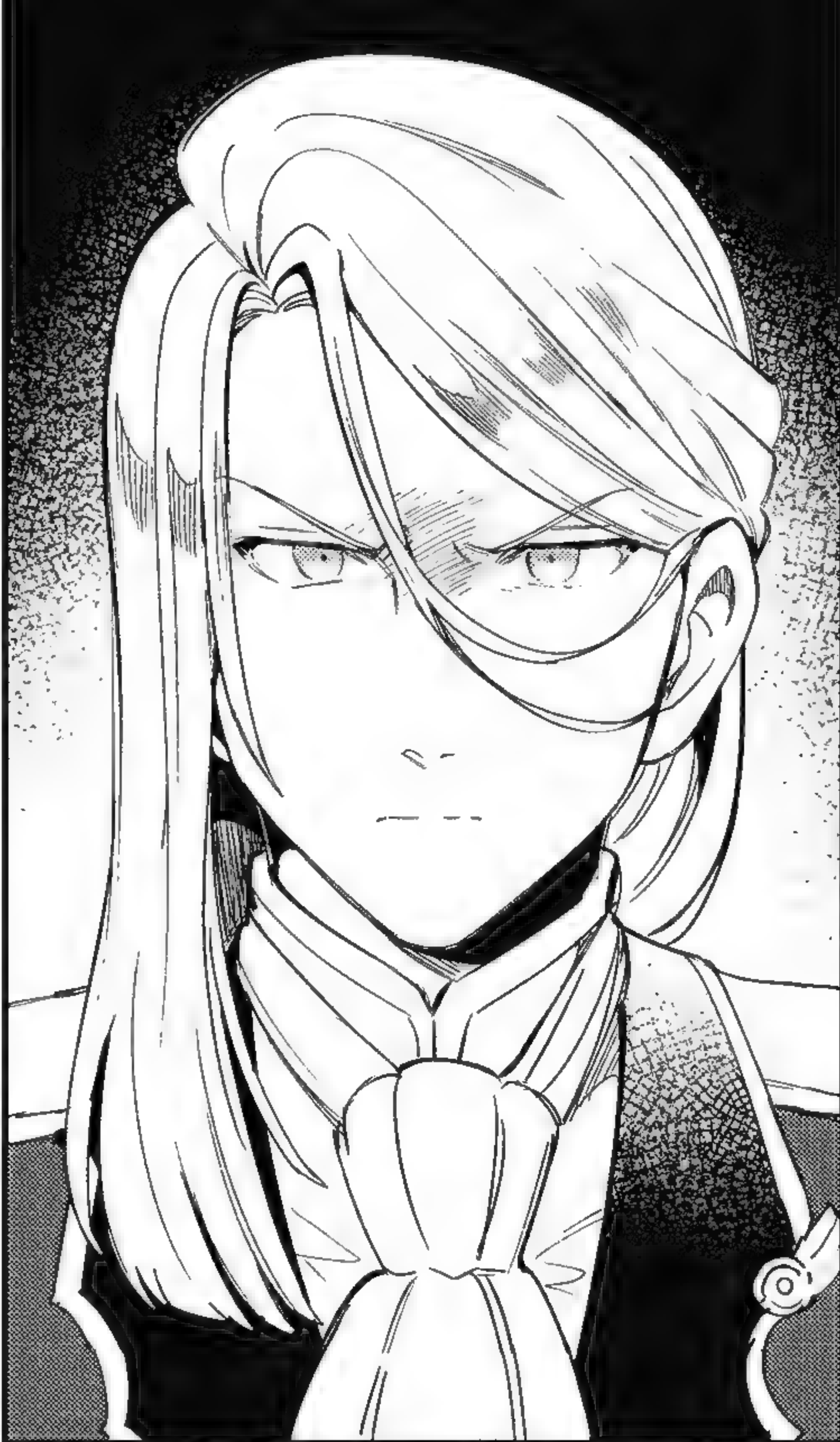
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YOU ARE  
AMAZING,  
MASTER  
THANE.



Siiigh...



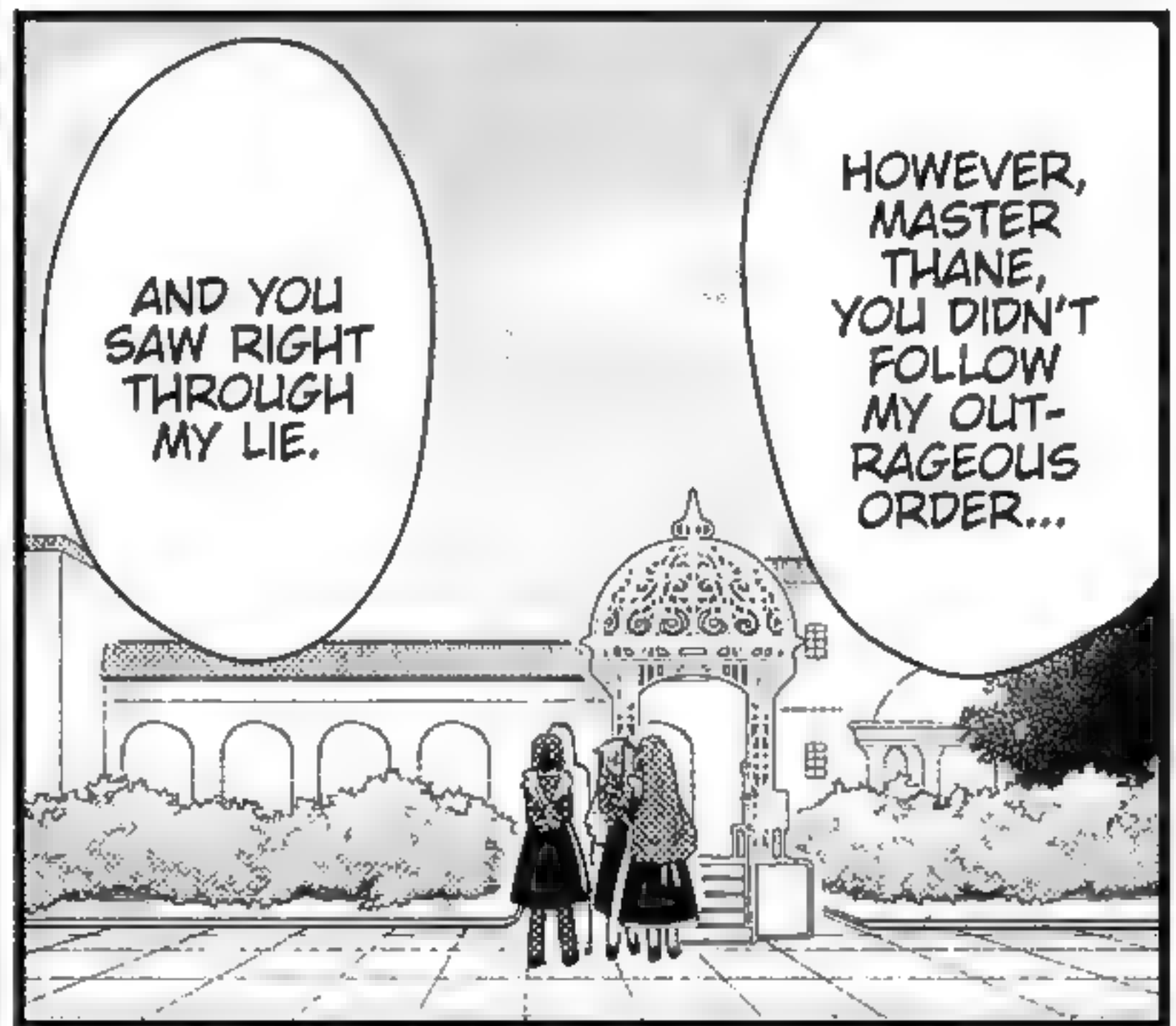
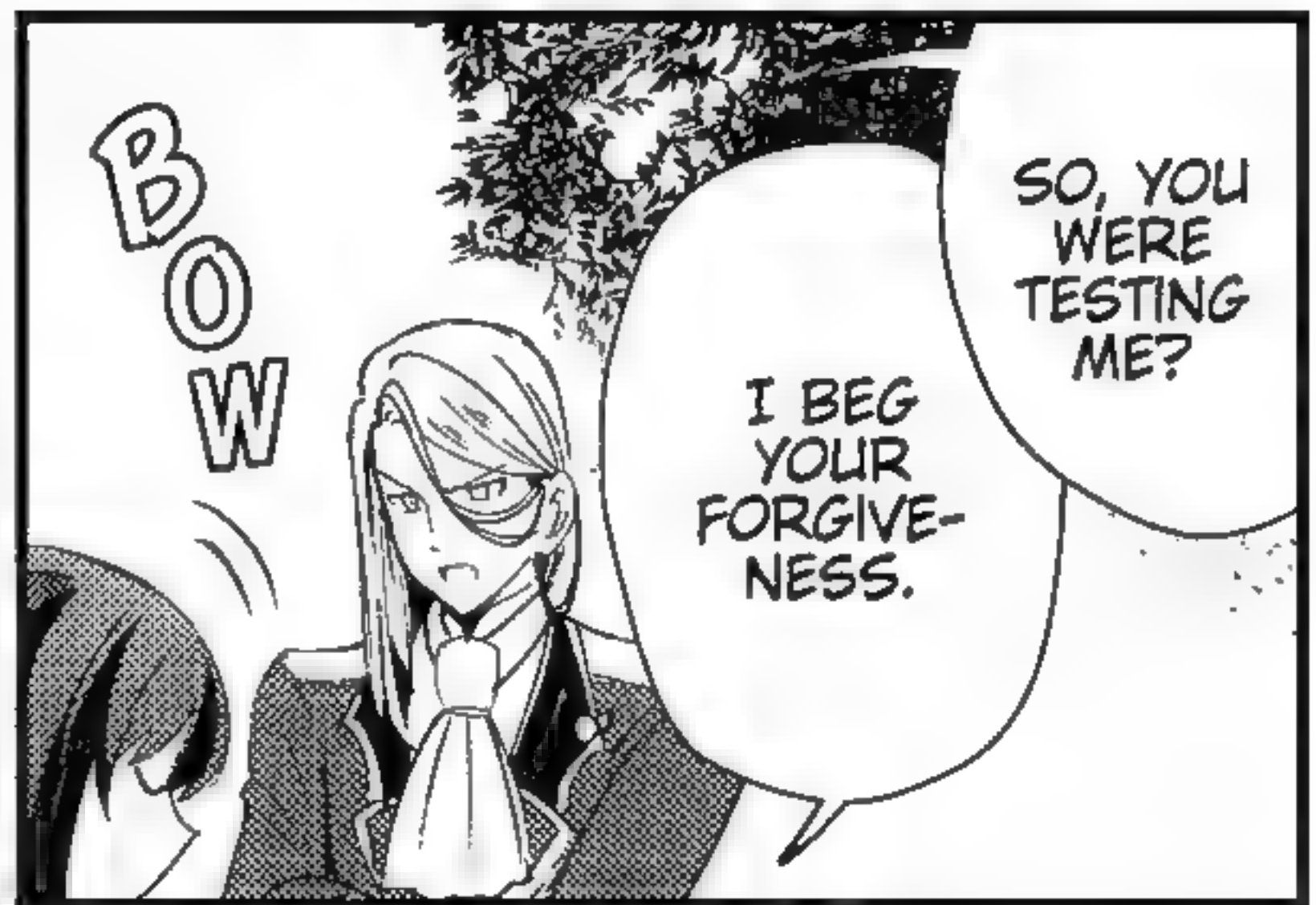
THE  
TRUE  
NATURE  
OF THIS  
GAME...

AS YOU HAVE  
DETERMINED,  
THIS GAME HAS  
NO RELEVANCE  
WHATSOEVER WITH  
REGARD TO  
TESTING THE  
QUALITIES  
OF A KING.



IS TO  
SEE IF THE  
PLAYERS ARE  
CAPABLE OF  
RECOGNIZING  
THE  
TRUTH.





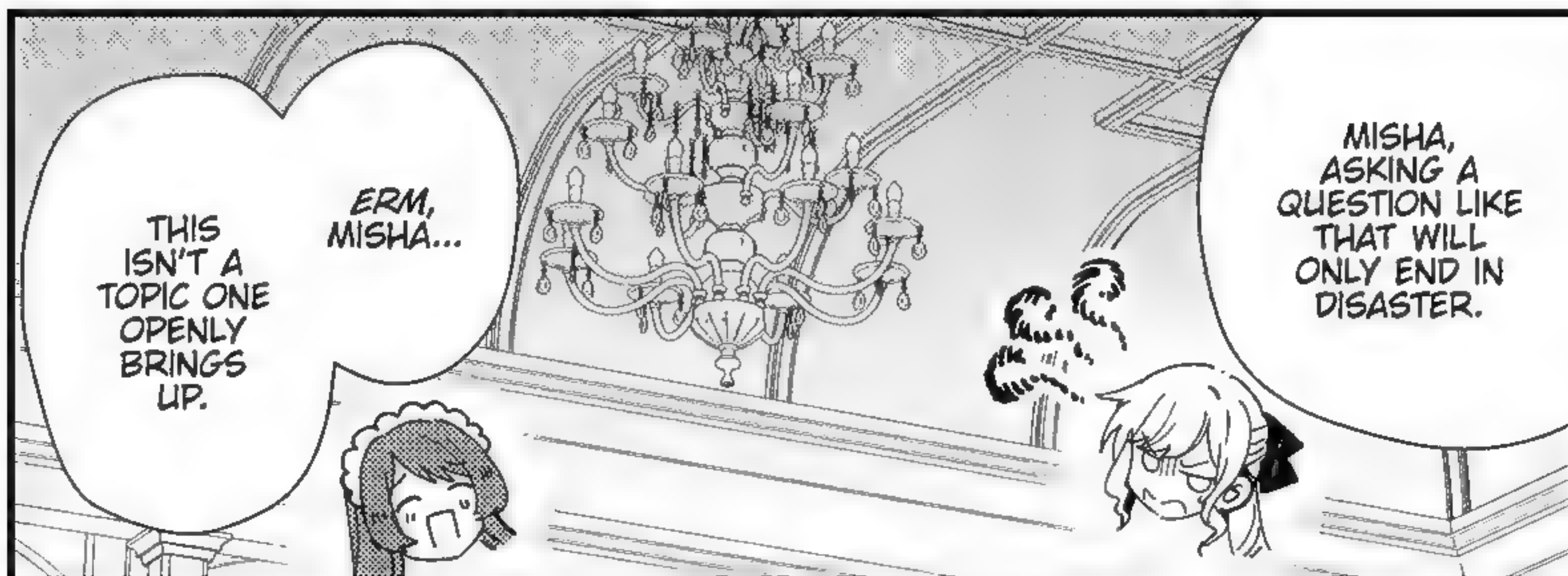








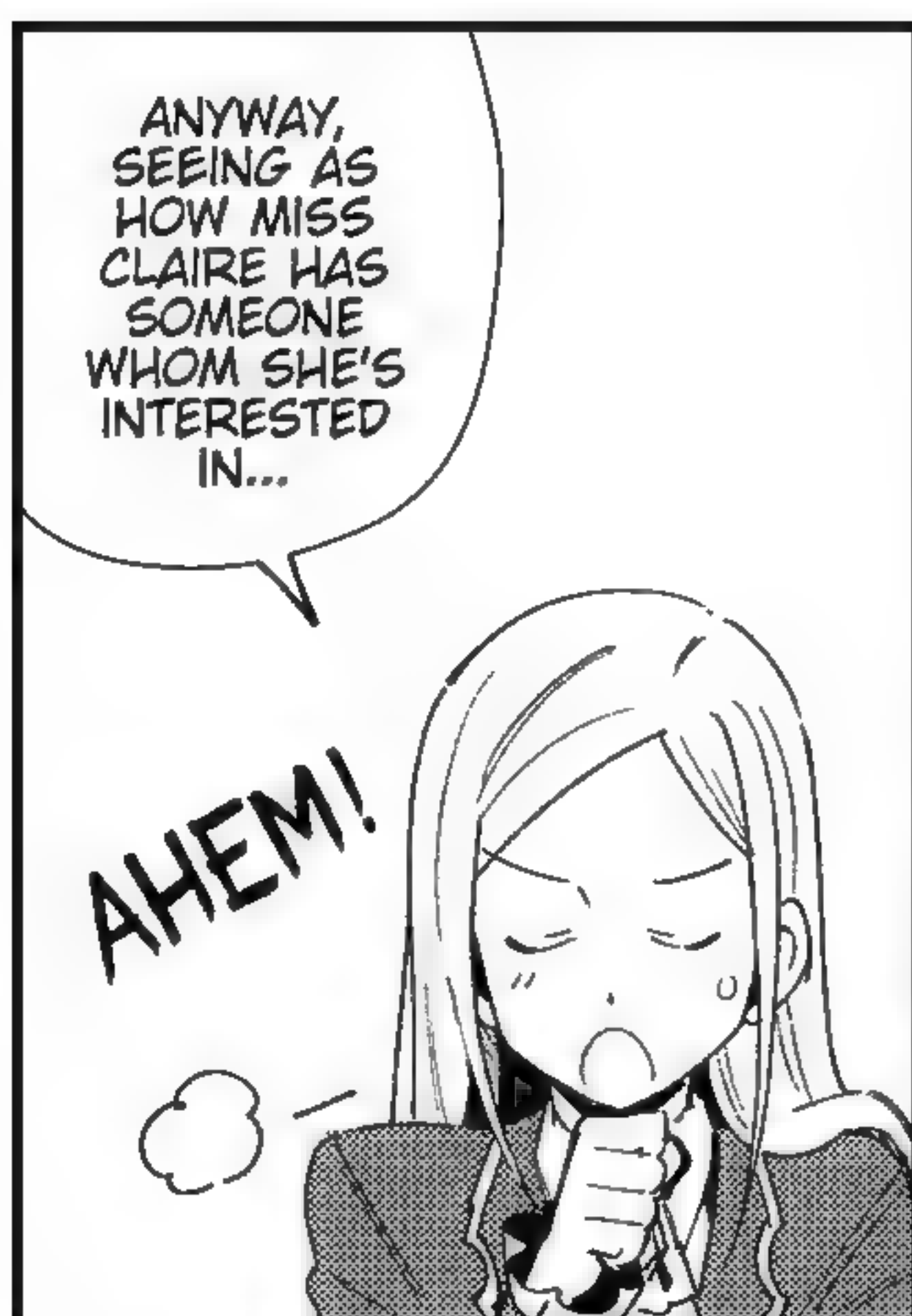
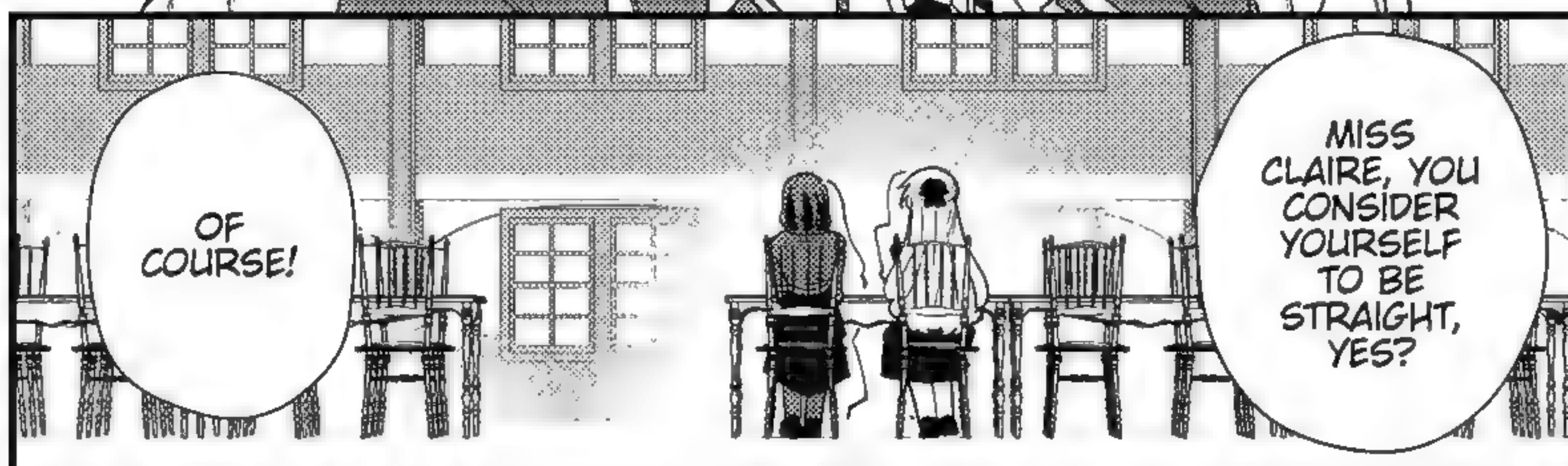
















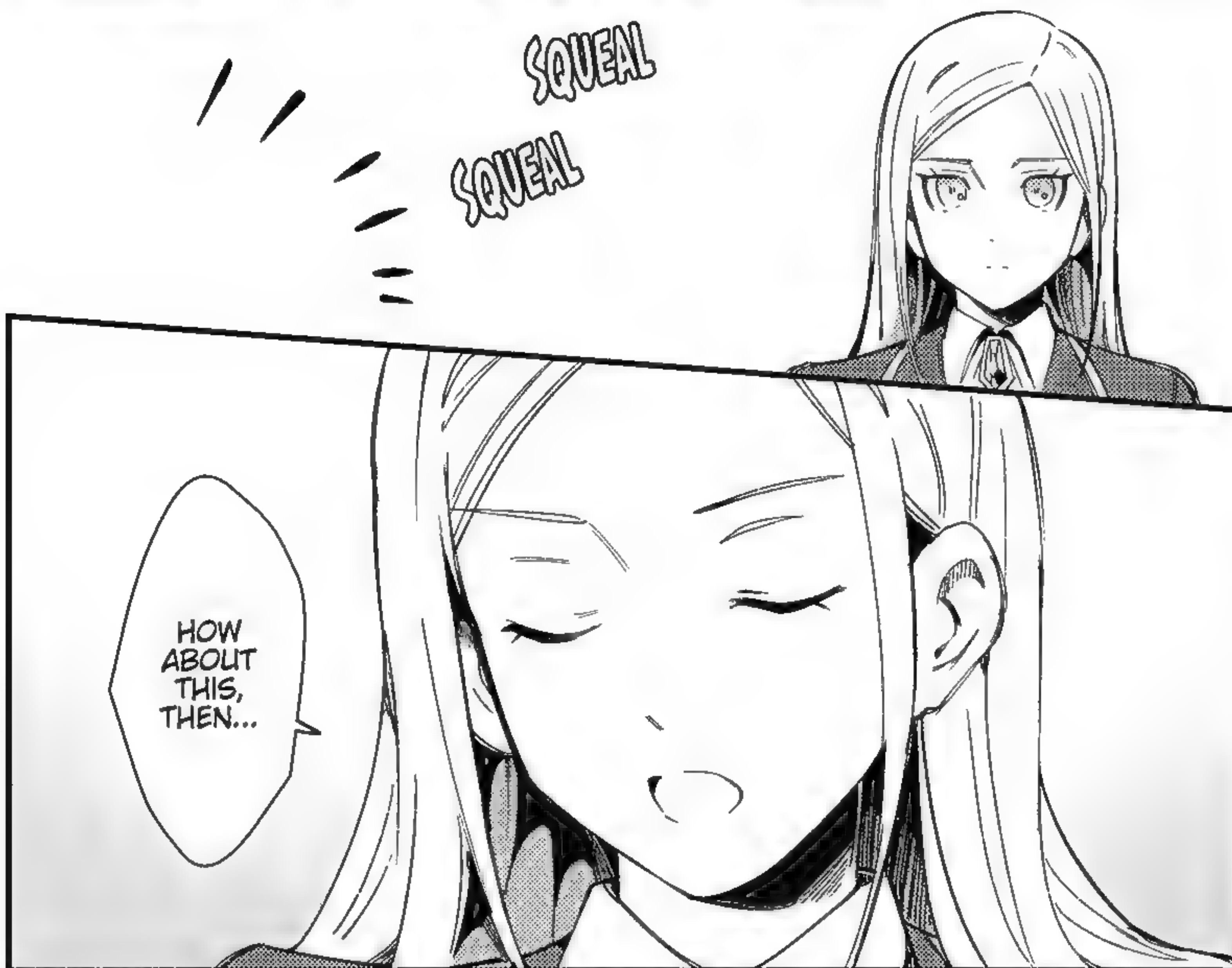
















ARE  
YOU  
GIVING  
UP ON  
MISS  
CLAIRE,  
RAE?



YOU  
REALLY  
WANT TO  
LEARN A LOT  
ABOUT ME  
TODAY, HUH,  
MISHA?



TO BE  
HONEST,  
I'VE ALSO  
FOUND IT  
QUITE  
PUZZLING.



WHAT  
SORT OF  
MOOD  
SHOULD I  
BE IN AS I  
LISTEN TO  
THIS  
CONVER-  
SATION?

YOU  
HAVEN'T  
UPSET ME  
ONE BIT.

I  
APOLOGIZE  
IF I'VE  
UPSET  
YOU.

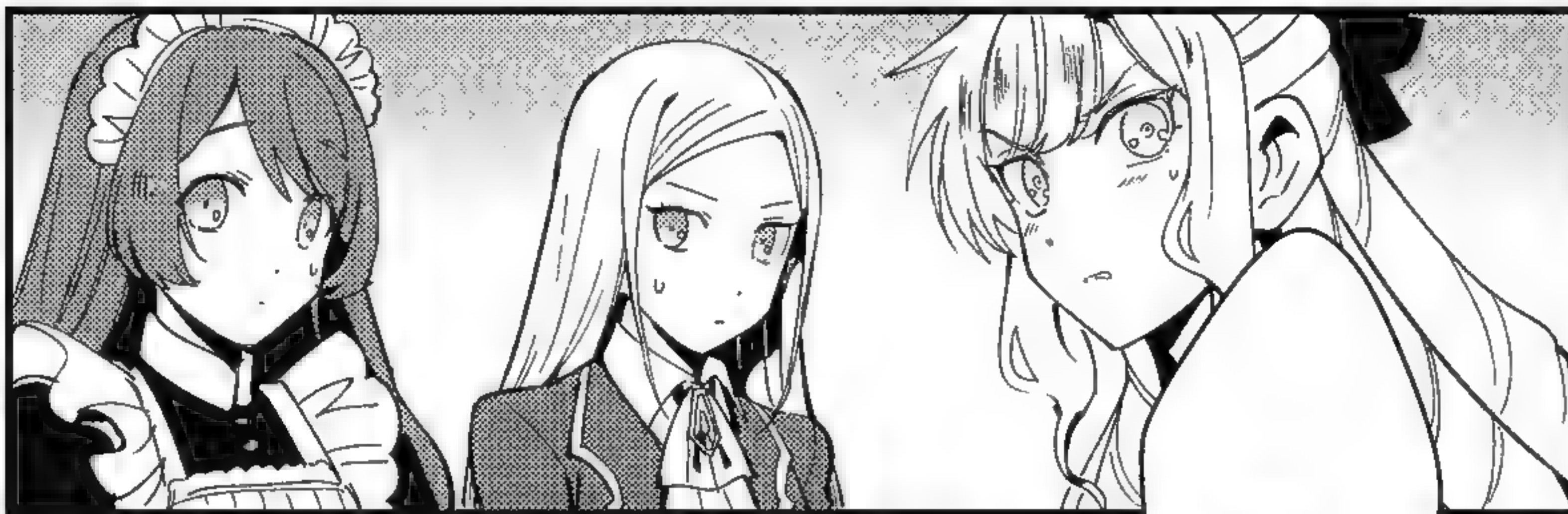












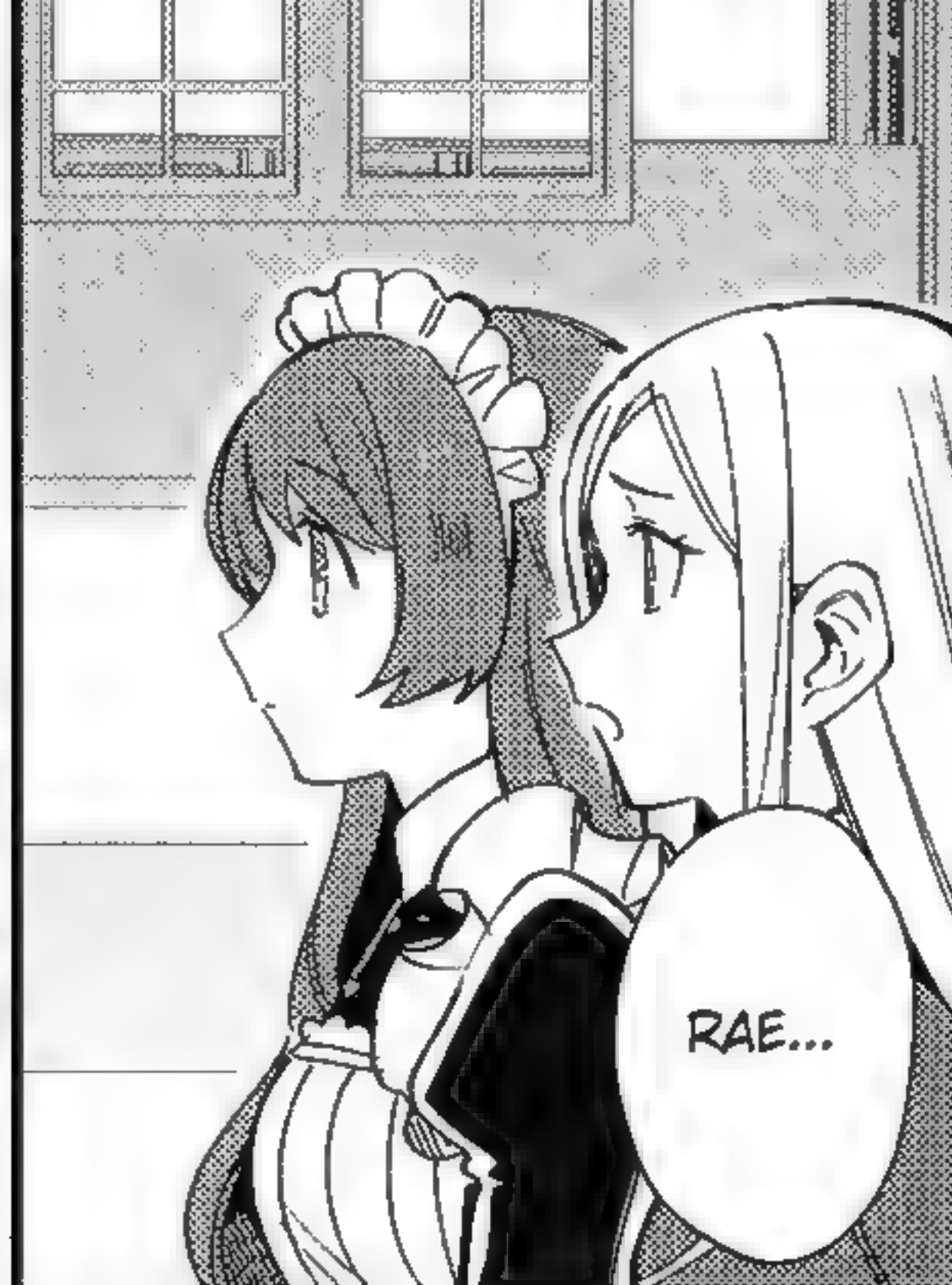
BUT...

I THINK  
THAT'S  
PRETTY  
MUCH OUT  
OF THE  
QUESTION  
FOR ME.

WHEN  
ASKED IF  
I'M GIVING  
UP ON  
SOMETHING  
I LOVE...







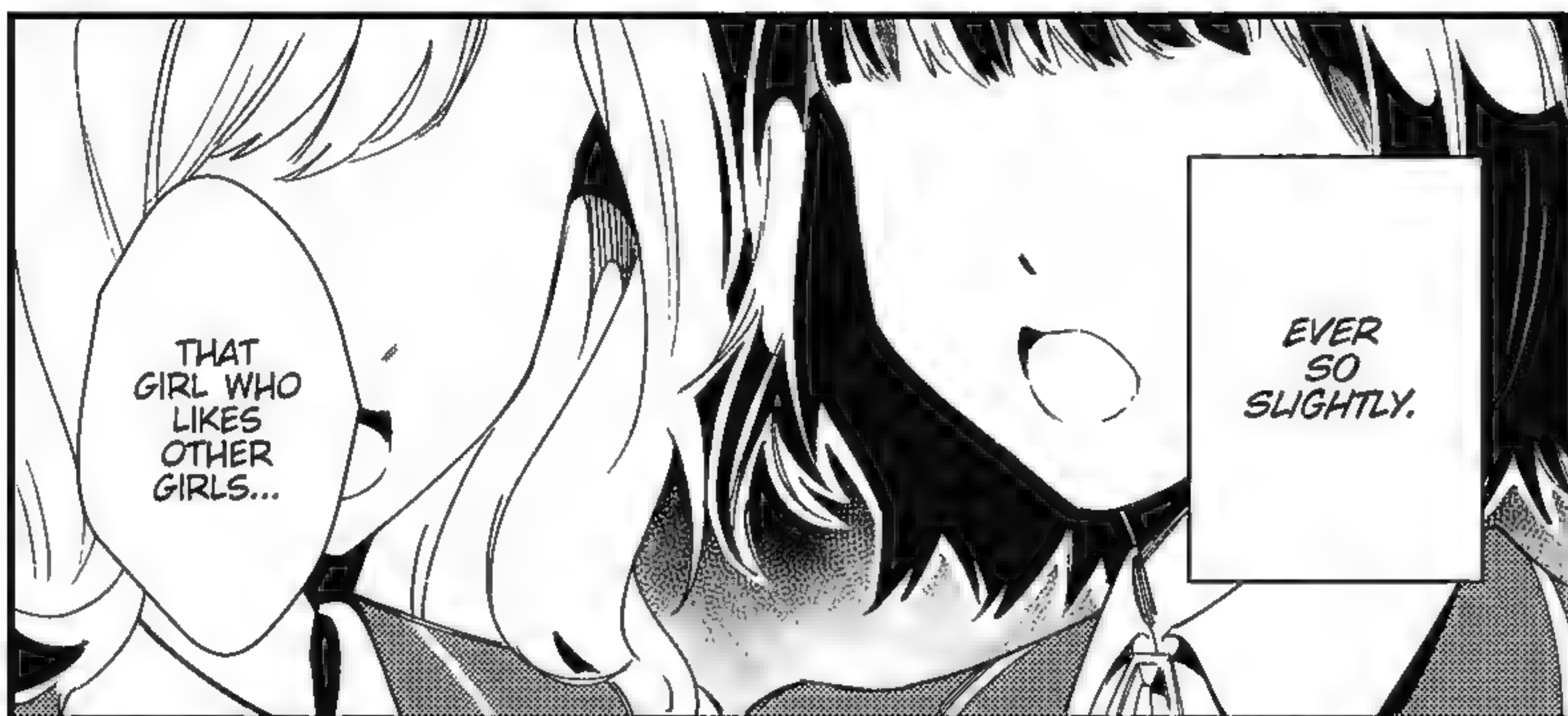
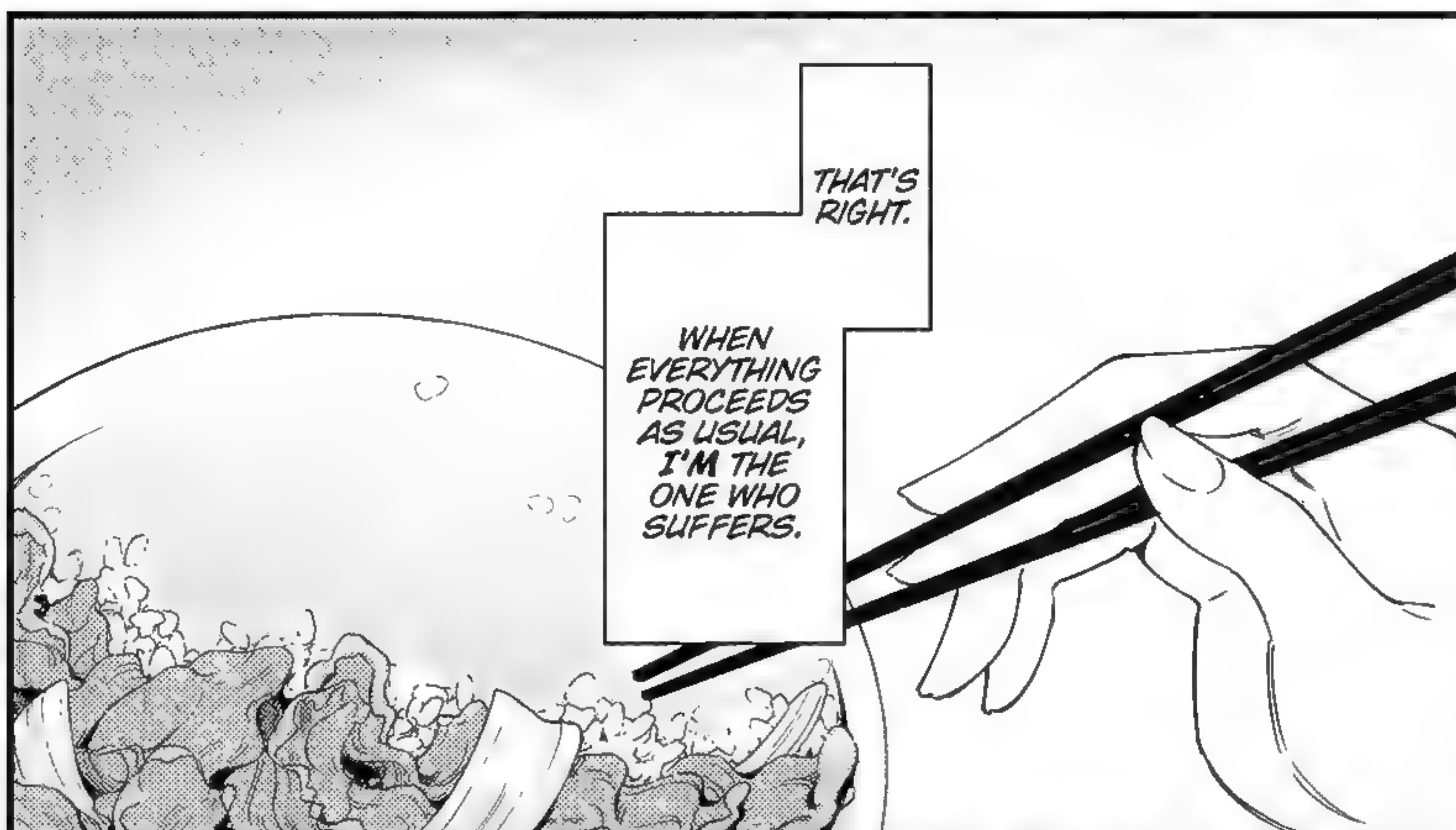
















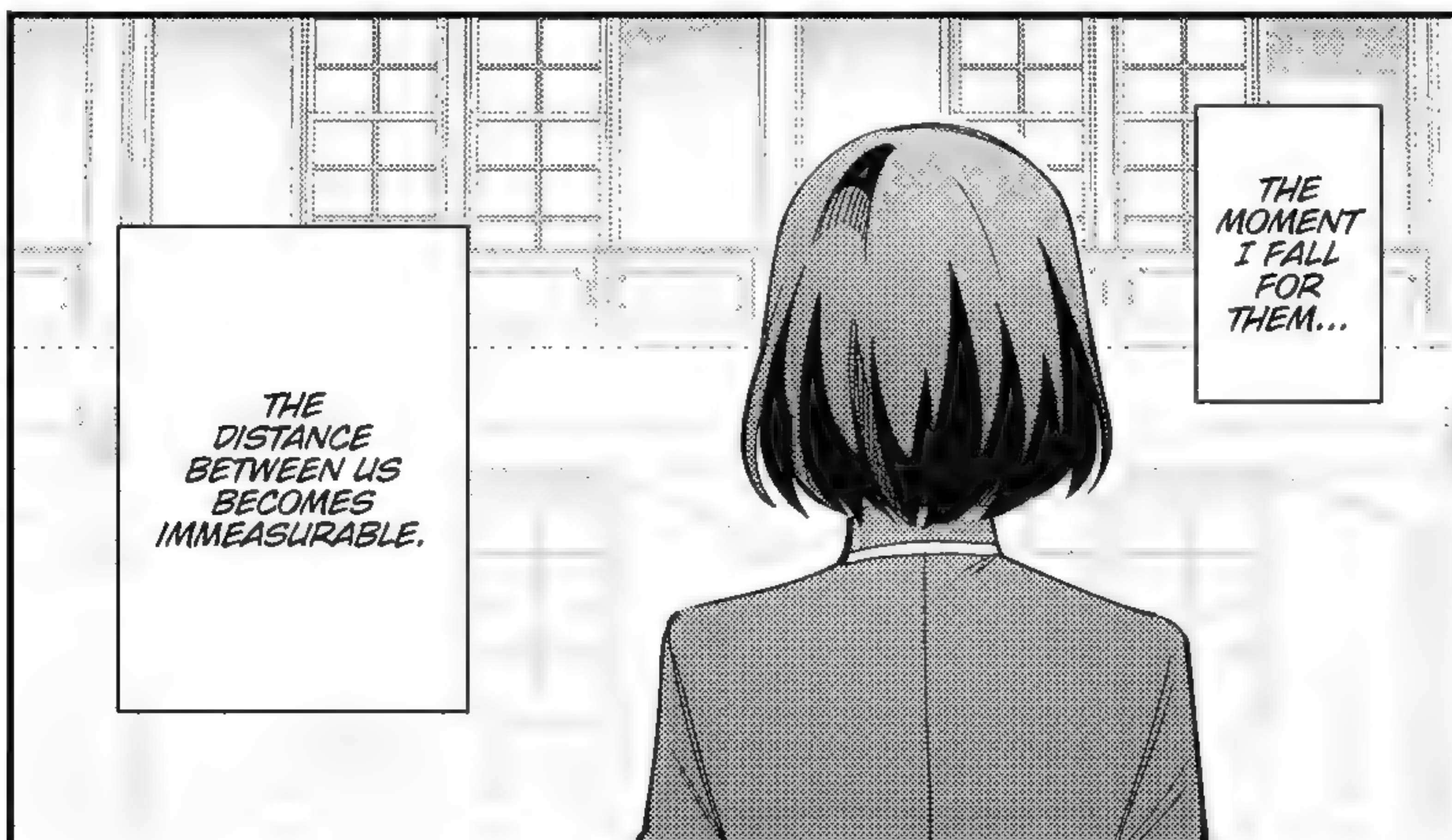
AND SHE  
HAS THE  
GALL TO  
APPROACH  
MISS  
CLAIRE SO  
DEFIANTLY.

IS  
NOTHING  
MORE  
THAN IDLE  
CURIOSITY.

I'M  
CERTAIN  
THAT MASTER  
ROD AND  
THE OTHERS'  
INTEREST  
IN HER...



WHO IN  
THEIR RIGHT  
MIND WOULD  
EVER FALL IN  
LOVE WITH A  
SHAMEFUL  
PERSON LIKE  
HER, I  
WONDER?



THE  
DISTANCE  
BETWEEN US  
BECOMES  
IMMEASURABLE.

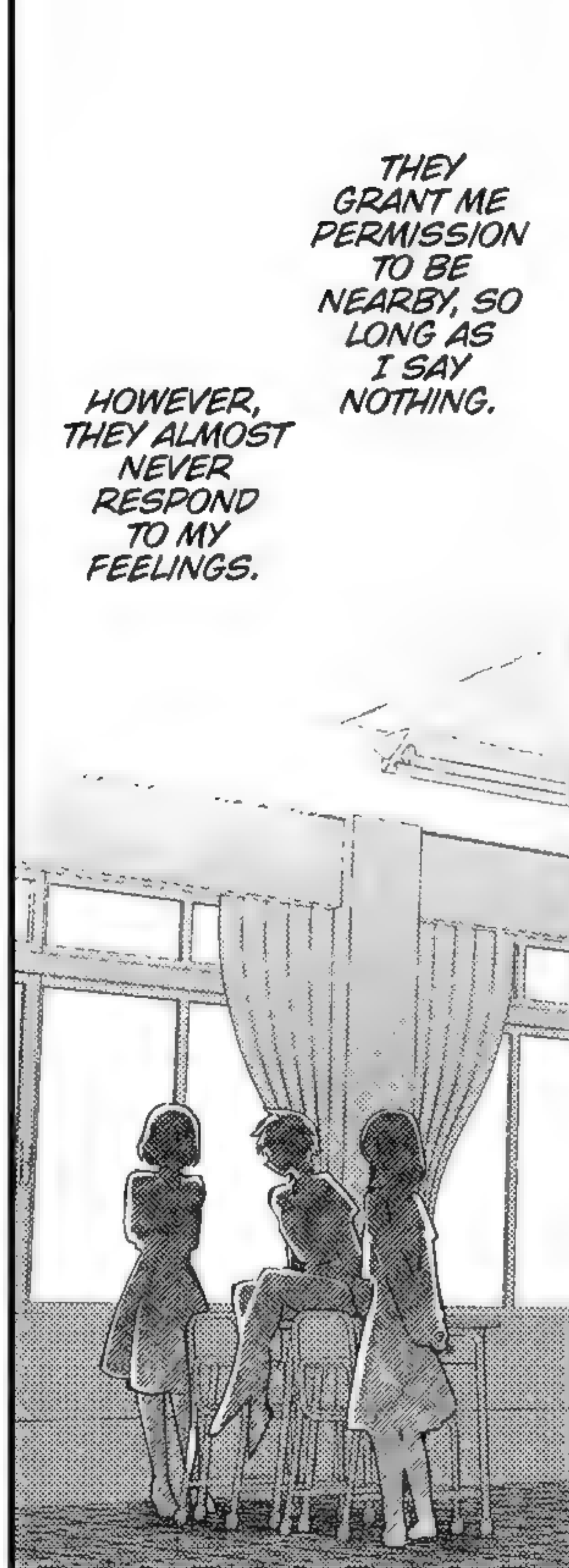
THE  
MOMENT  
I FALL  
FOR  
THEM...





I KNOW  
I'M ONLY  
FOSTERING  
THEIR  
PREJUDICE.

BUT...



THEY  
GRANT ME  
PERMISSION  
TO BE  
NEARBY, SO  
LONG AS  
I SAY  
NOTHING.

HOWEVER,  
THEY ALMOST  
NEVER  
RESPOND  
TO MY  
FEELINGS.



EEEEK!

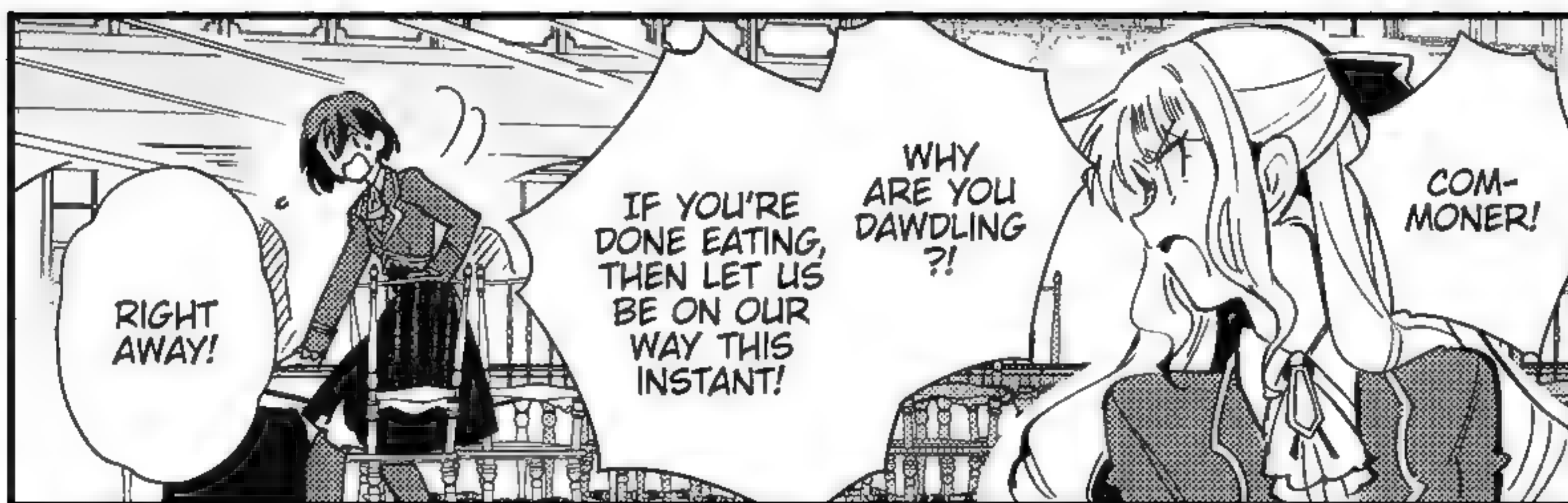
MURMUR

I MUST  
ACT THE  
FOOL  
AND TRICK  
THEM,  
OR...









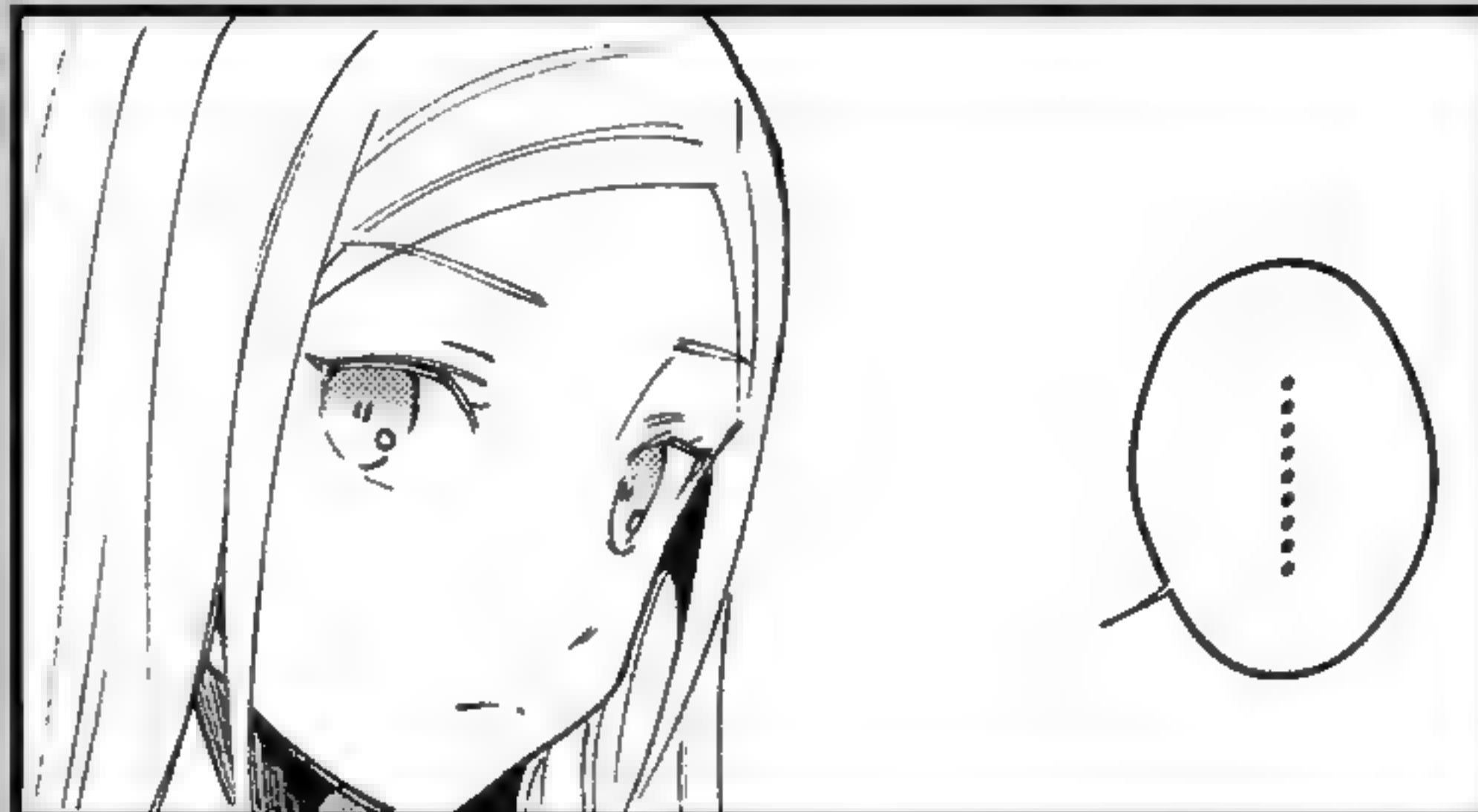














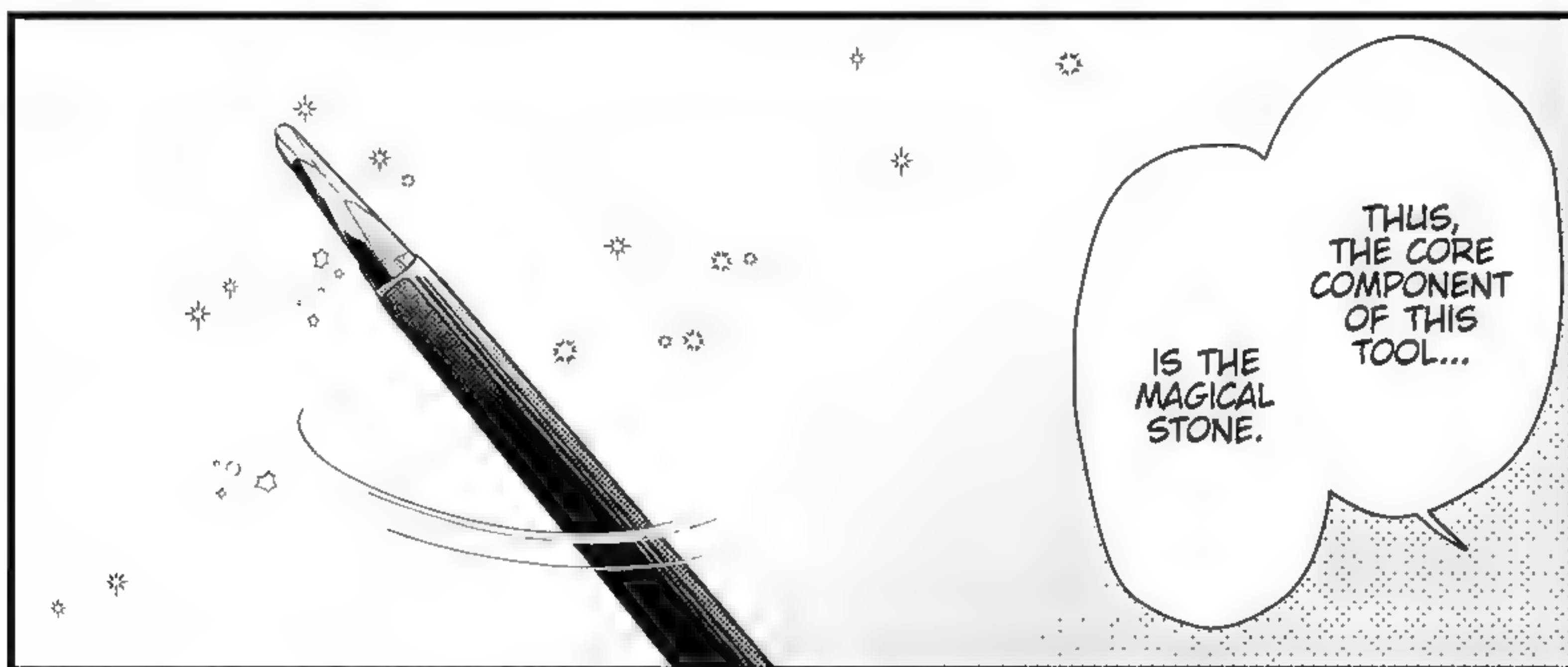






CHAPTER 8 ✦ Magic Class













TEACHER!

HOWEVER,  
IT'S USER-  
FRIENDLY,  
SO THERE'S  
NO HARM IN  
HAVING YOU  
ALL LEARN  
IT FOR  
SELF-  
DEFENSE.

THE  
MAGIC  
WE WILL  
BE  
USING IS  
RATHER  
WEAK  
FOR  
COMBAT...

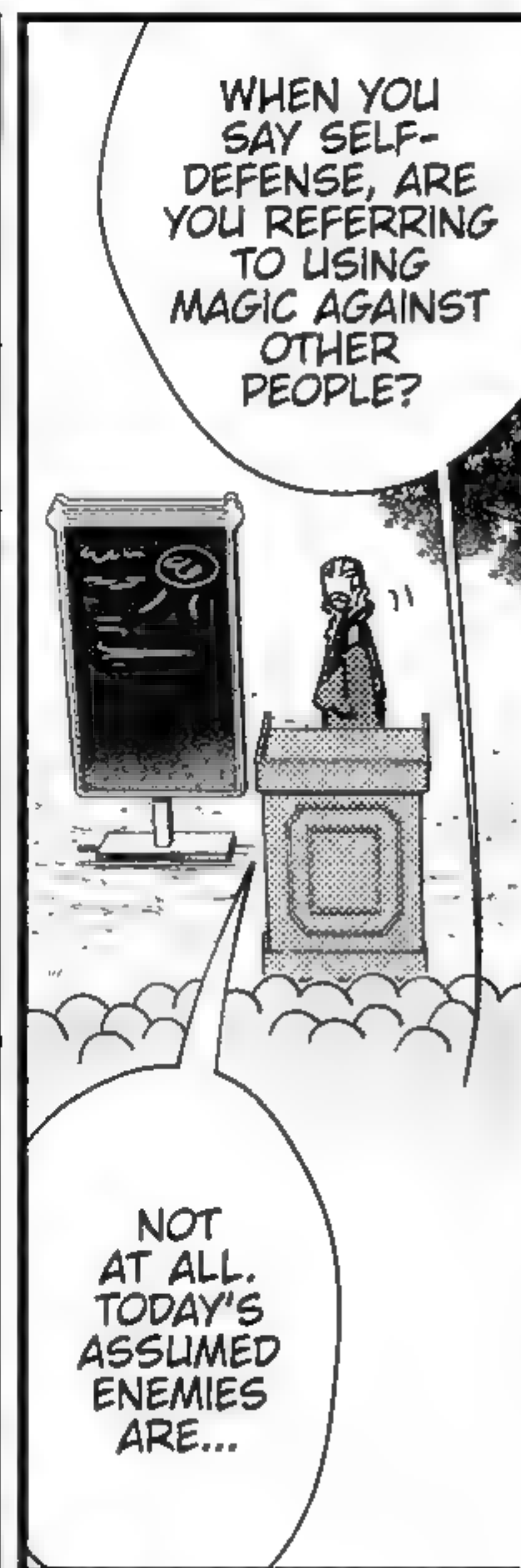


I'M  
GOING TO  
HAVE YOU  
ALL CREATE  
ACTUAL MAGIC  
BULLETS  
AND FIRE  
THEM.

NOW  
THEN,  
FOR  
TODAY'S  
LESSON...



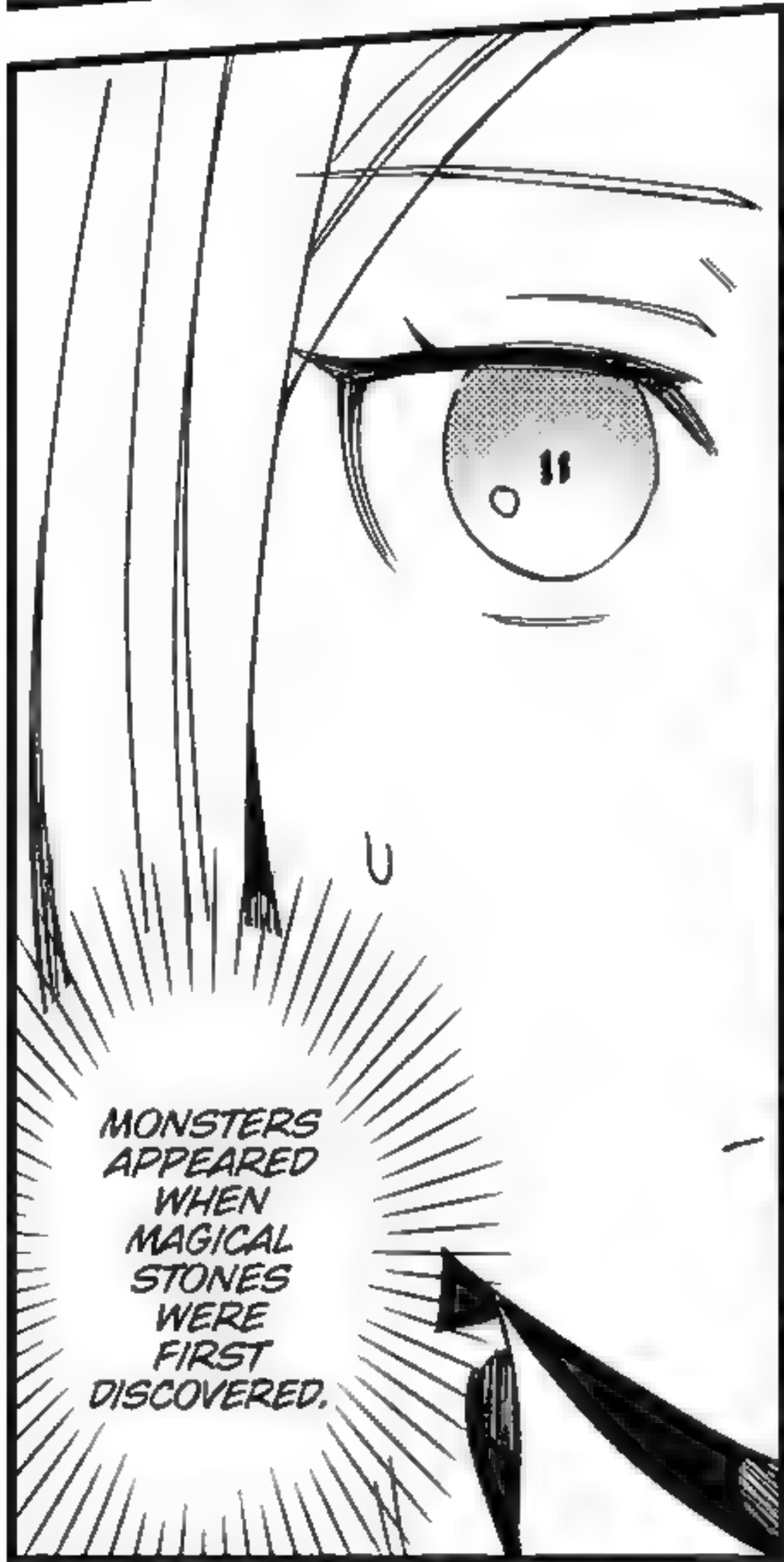
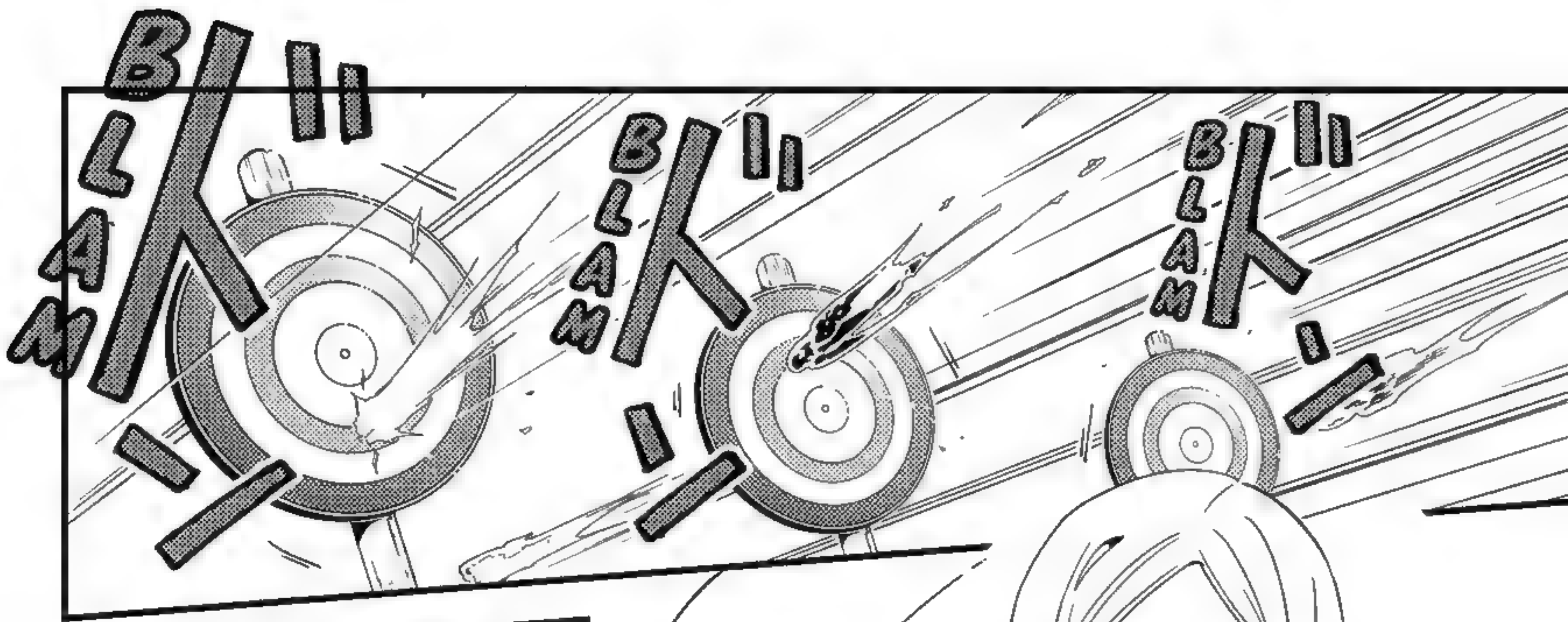
MONSTERS.



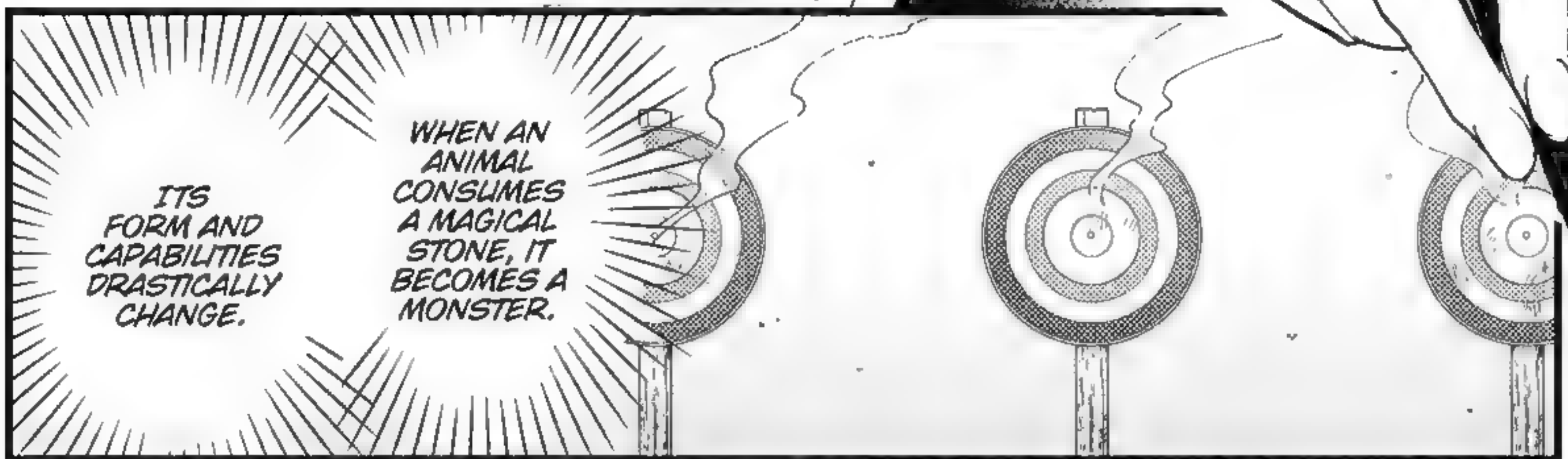
WHEN YOU  
SAY SELF-  
DEFENSE, ARE  
YOU REFERRING  
TO USING  
MAGIC AGAINST  
OTHER  
PEOPLE?

NOT  
AT ALL.  
TODAY'S  
ASSUMED  
ENEMIES  
ARE...





MONSTERS  
APPEARED  
WHEN  
MAGICAL  
STONES  
WERE  
FIRST  
DISCOVERED.



ITS  
FORM AND  
CAPABILITIES  
DRASTICALLY  
CHANGE.

WHEN AN  
ANIMAL  
CONSUMES  
A MAGICAL  
STONE, IT  
BECOMES A  
MONSTER.

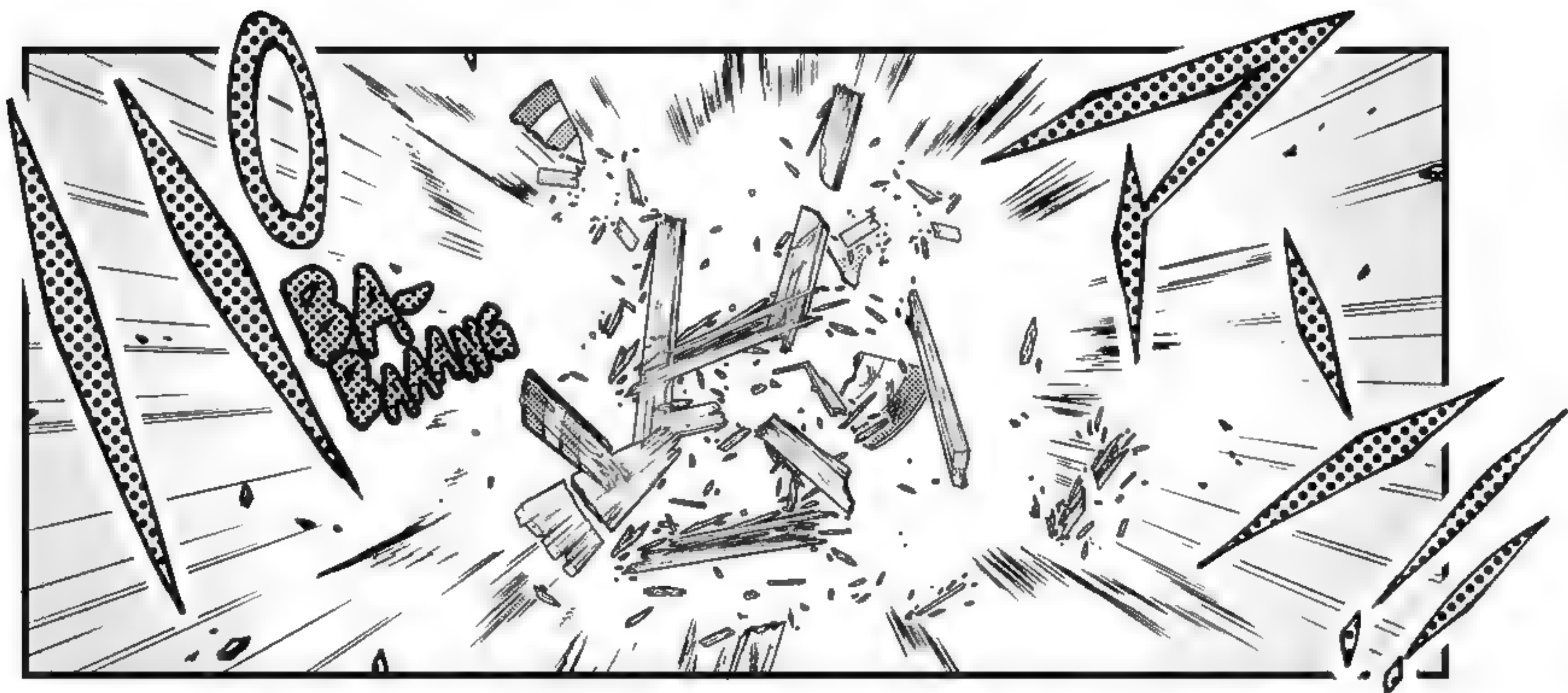
















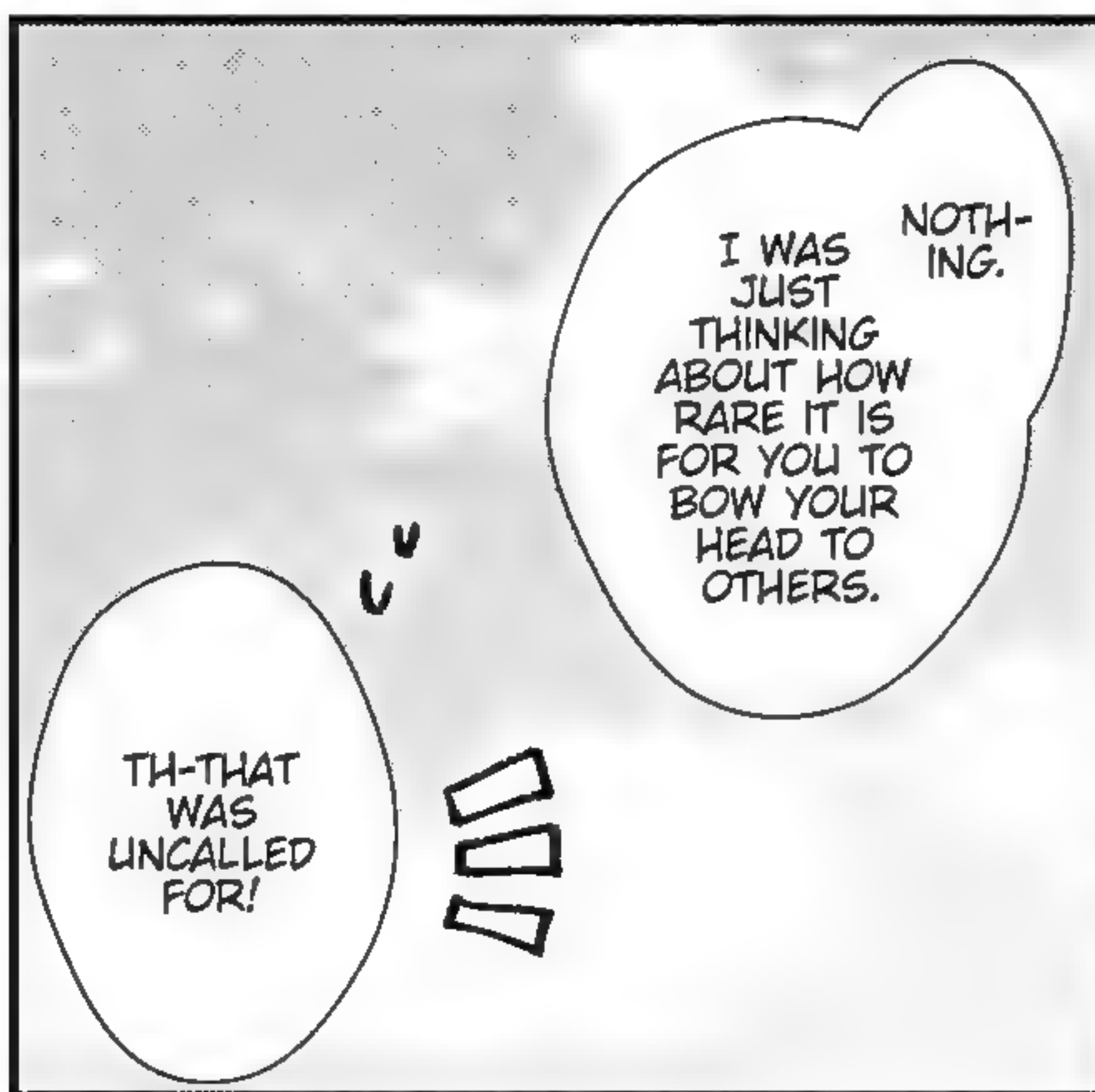




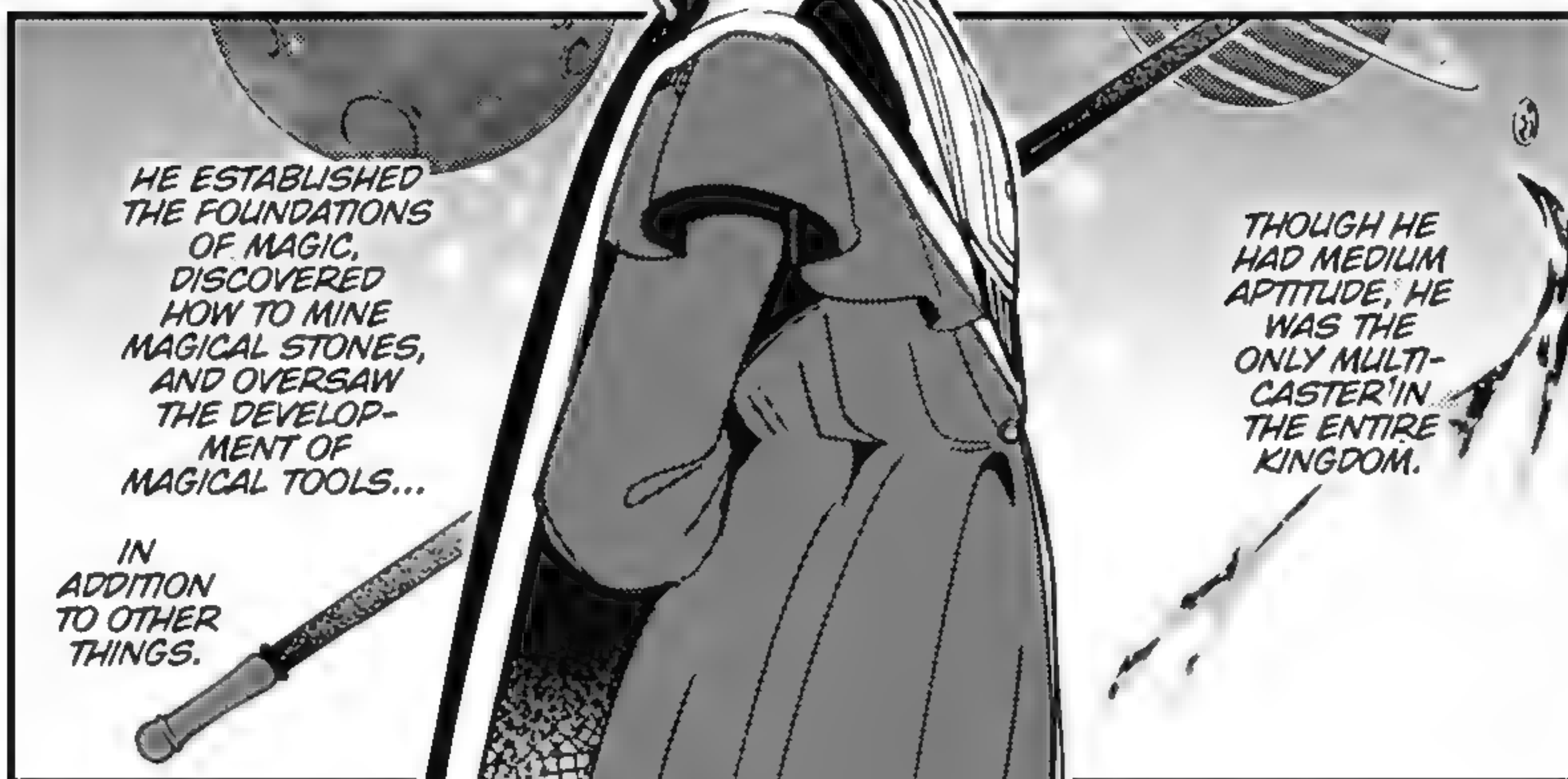








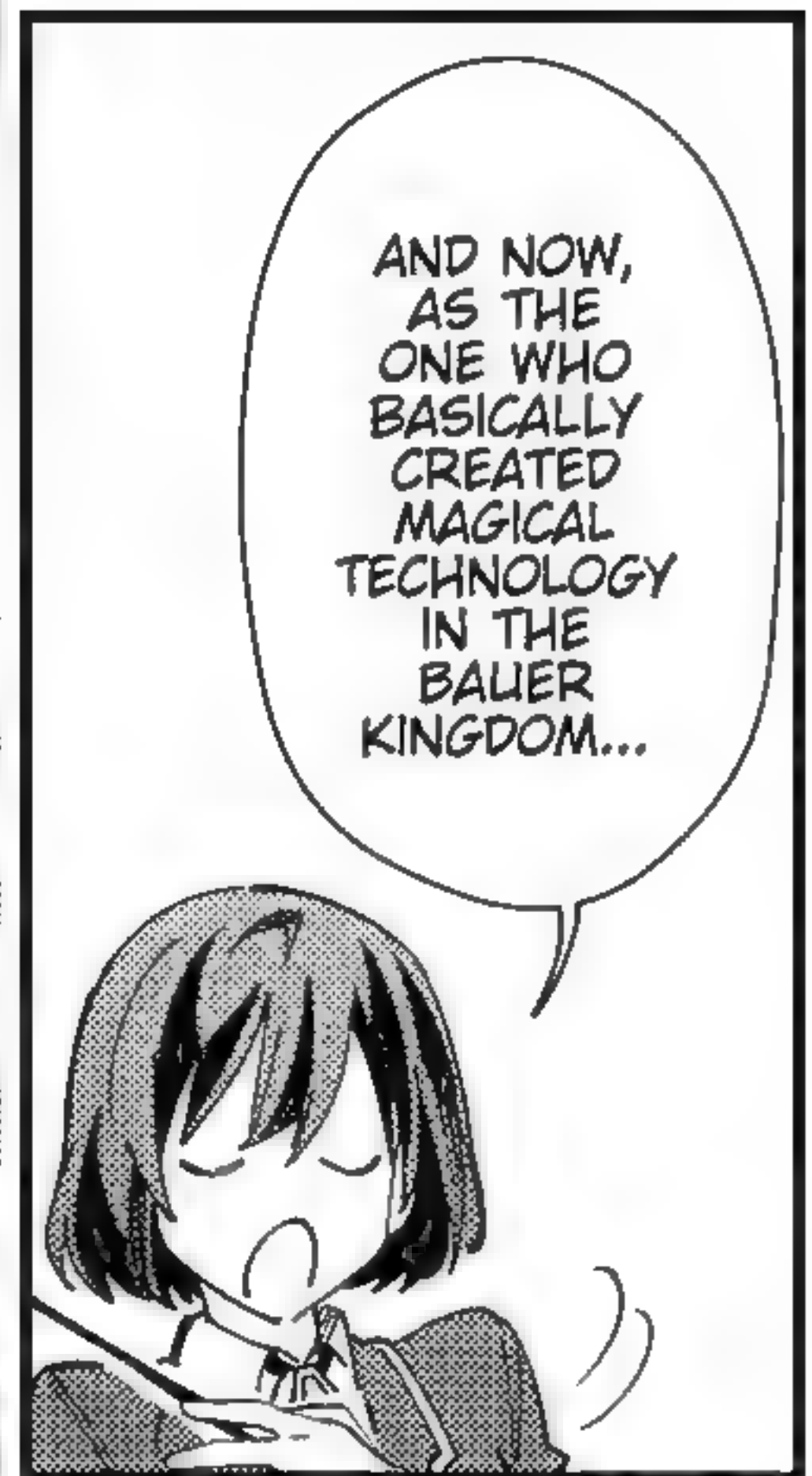




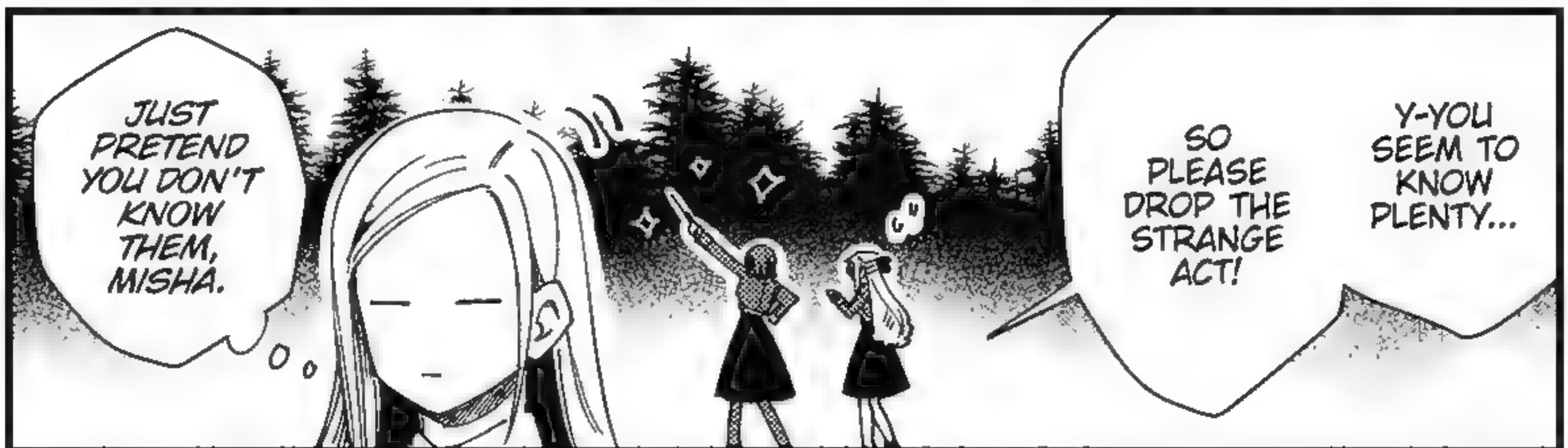




HE TRULY  
IS THE  
FATHER OF  
MAGIC!



AND NOW,  
AS THE  
ONE WHO  
BASICALLY  
CREATED  
MAGICAL  
TECHNOLOGY  
IN THE  
BAUER  
KINGDOM...



JUST  
PRETEND  
YOU DON'T  
KNOW  
THEM,  
MISHA.

SO  
PLEASE  
DROP THE  
STRANGE  
ACT!

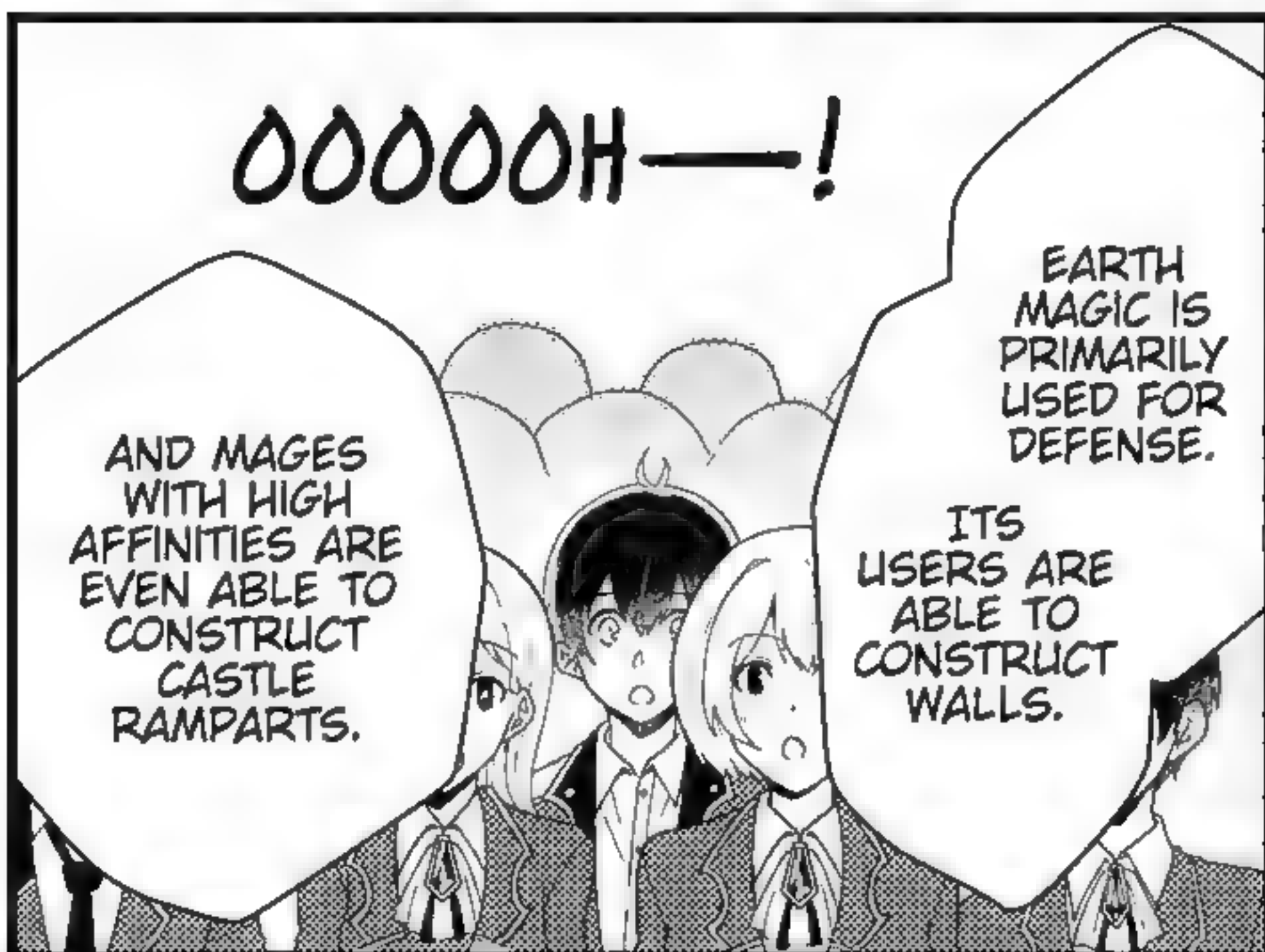
Y-YOU  
SEEM TO  
KNOW  
PLENTY...



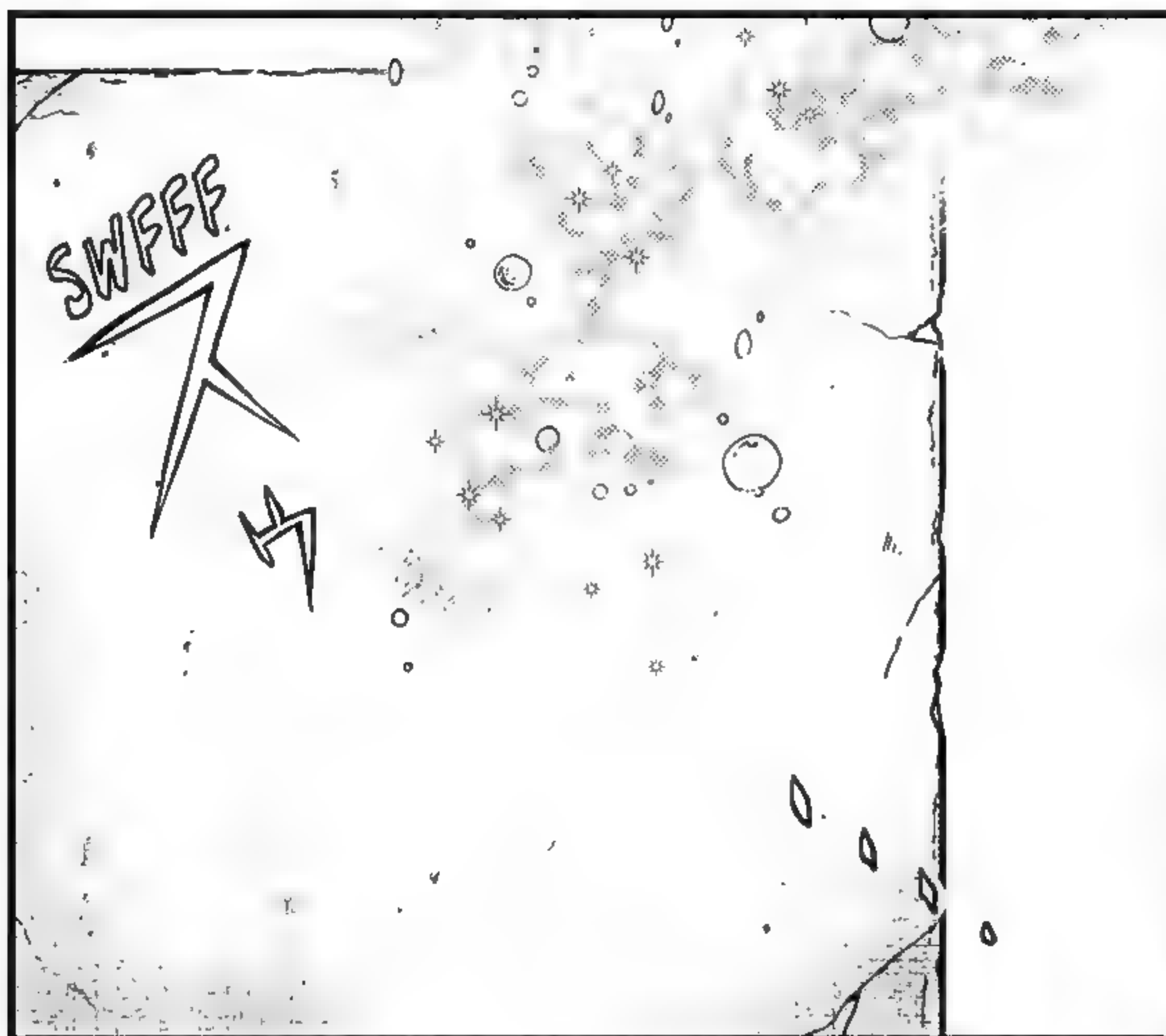
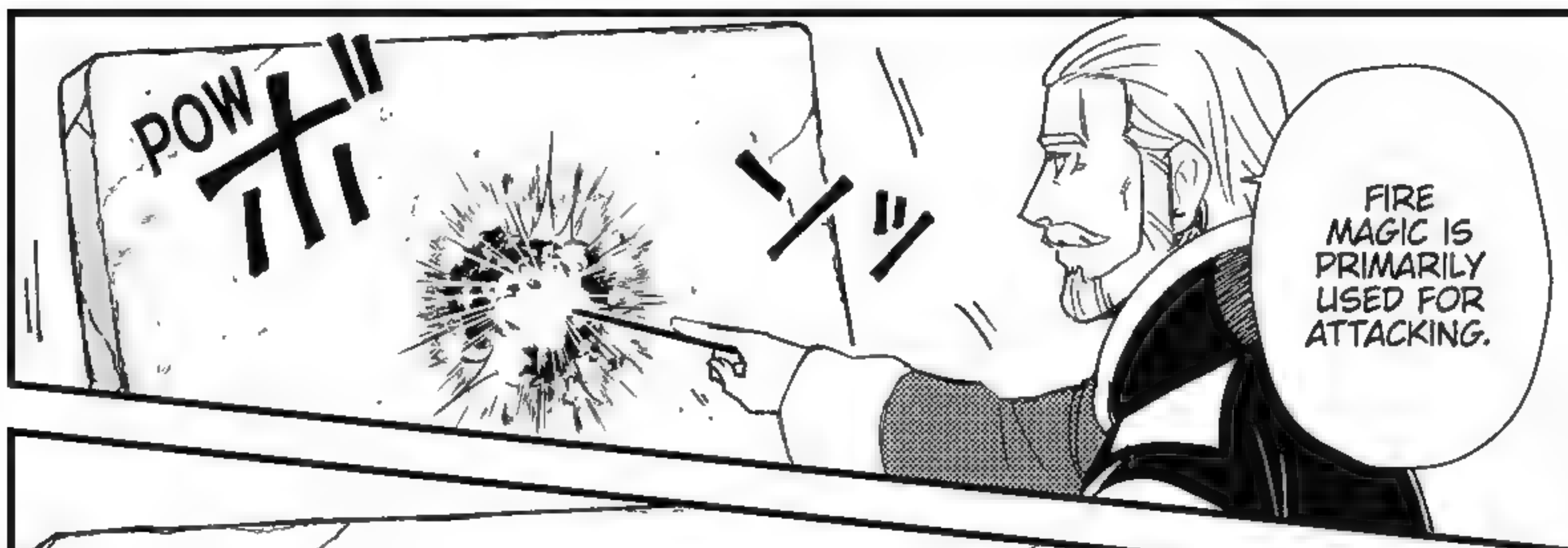
LET US  
MOVE ON  
TO AN  
EXPLANATION  
OF  
ATTRIBUTES.

NOW  
THEN,  
EVERY-  
ONE...









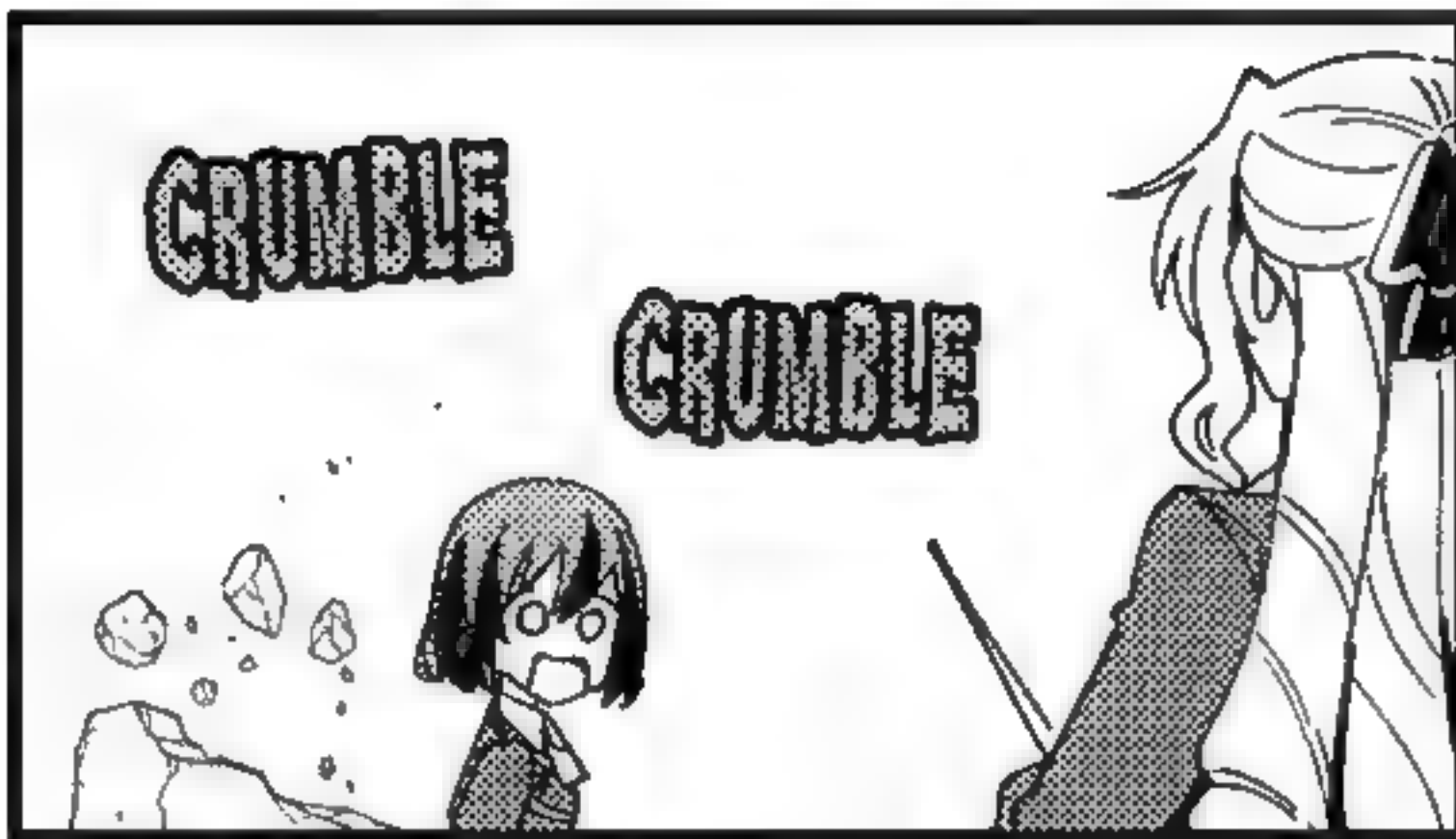




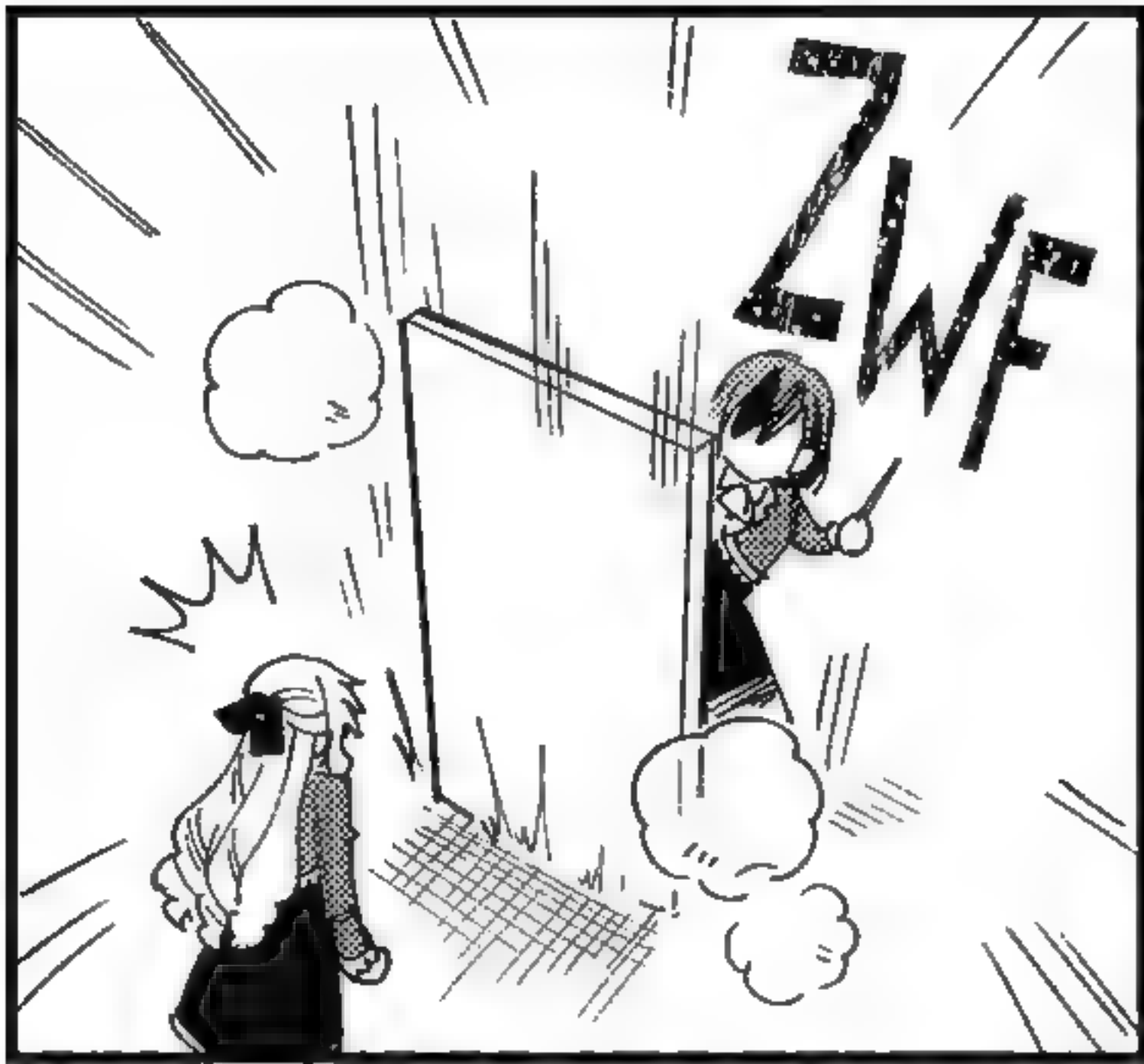




















HMMM.  
I THINK...

AREN'T YOU  
HAPPY  
THAT THEY  
PRAISED  
YOU?

GOOD  
FOR  
YOU.



RIGHT...

SO  
WE'RE  
A BIT  
JEALOUS  
OF YOU  
TWO.

WE'RE  
NOT VERY  
PROFICIENT  
AT MAGIC...



I'D LIKE  
IT BETTER  
IF YOU  
PRAISED ME,  
MISS  
CLAIRE.  
♥

BLUSH

SHUDDER

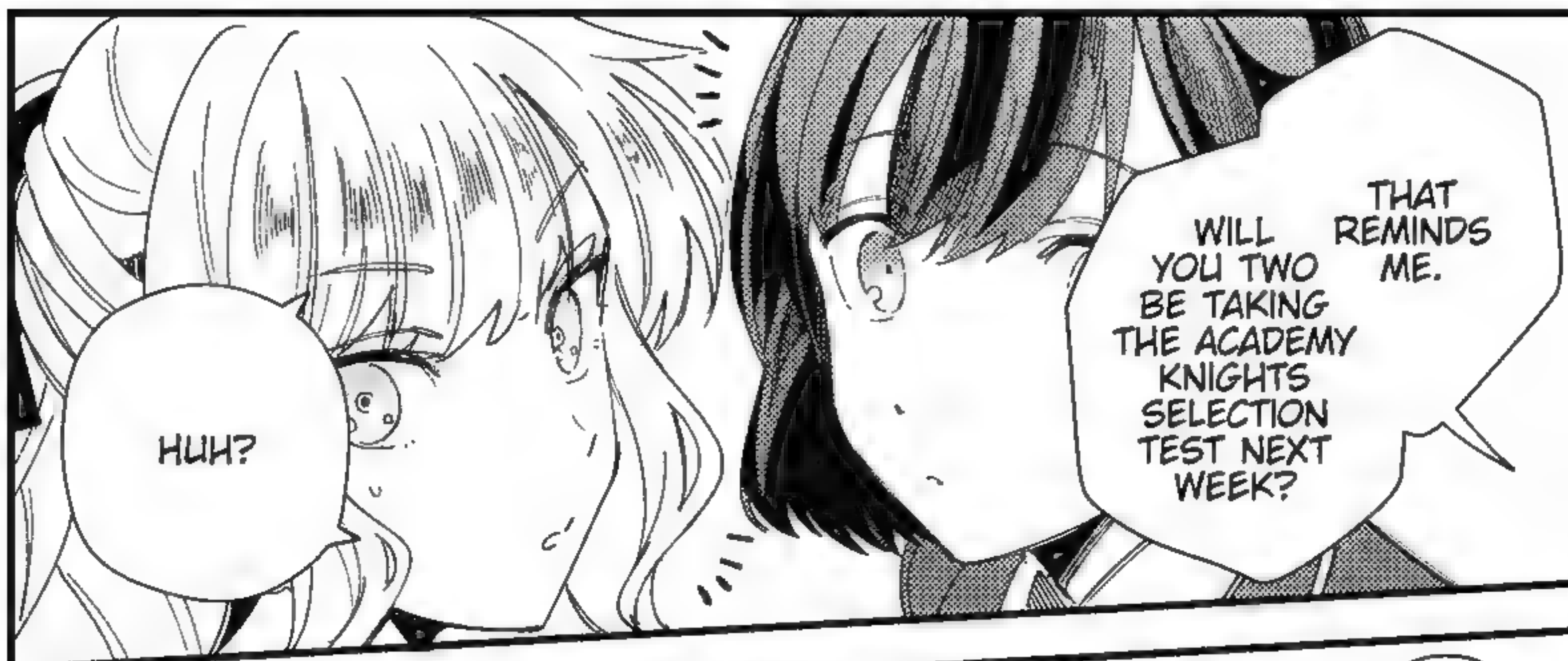


H  
a  
H  
a  
H  
a  
!

YOU TWO  
REALLY  
GET ALONG  
WELL.

I  
NEVER,  
EVER  
WANT  
TO DO  
THAT!!





HUH?

WILL YOU TWO  
BE TAKING  
THE ACADEMY  
KNIGHTS  
SELECTION  
TEST NEXT  
WEEK?

THAT  
REMINDS  
ME.



OH.  
THAT  
MAKES  
SENSE.

I DON'T  
BELIEVE  
RAE EVEN  
KNOWS WHAT  
THE ACADEMY  
KNIGHTS  
ARE.

ROD...



I  
GUESS...

THEY'RE  
BASICALLY  
A SELF-  
GOVERNING  
ORGANI-  
ZATION  
AT THE  
ROYAL  
ACADEMY.

THAT  
APPEAR ON  
SCHOOL  
GROUNDS.

THE  
ACADEMY  
KNIGHTS  
ARE AN  
ORGANI-  
ZATION...

THAT  
SETTLES  
QUARRELS  
BETWEEN  
STUDENTS  
AND HELPS  
SUBJUGATE  
MONSTERS...





















I WISH  
TO FIGHT  
AS  
WELL!













LEAVE  
YOU TO  
DIE IN A  
PLACE  
LIKE  
THIS!

I  
WOULD  
SIMPLY  
NEVER...

YOU  
GRAVELY  
MIS-  
UNDER-  
STAND  
ME!



RAE!  
PLEASE  
LEAVE  
THIS TO  
ME!

I CAN  
NEVER  
LEAVE YOU  
BEHIND,  
MILADY!

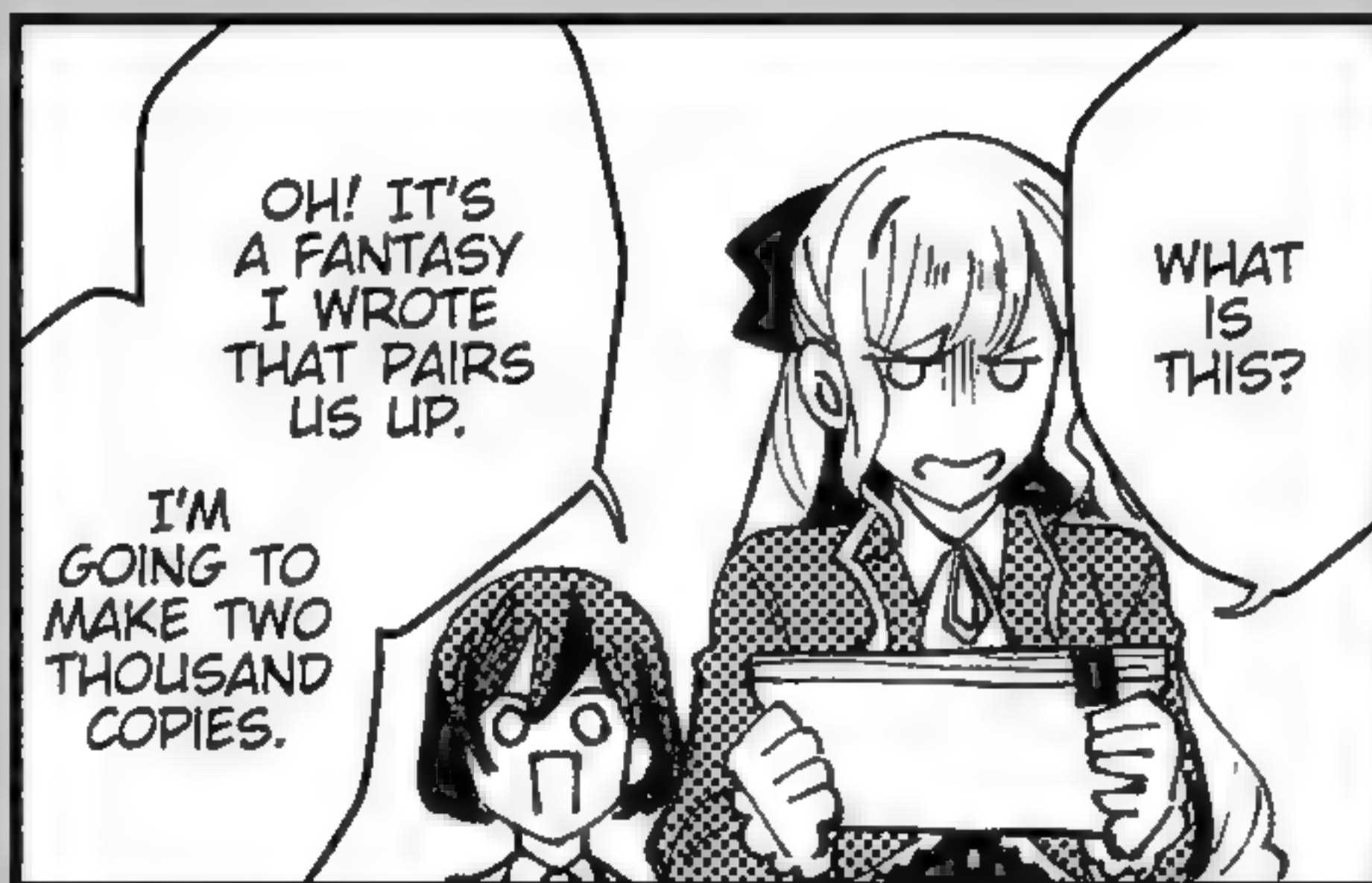
I  
CAN'T!



993,  
ROYAL  
CALEN-  
DAR.

THE  
FATE OF  
THE WORLD  
HAS BEEN  
ENTRUSTED  
TO TWO  
FEMALE  
KNIGHTS!

M  
I  
L  
A  
D  
Y  
!



OH! IT'S  
A FANTASY  
I WROTE  
THAT PAIRS  
US UP.

I'M  
GOING TO  
MAKE TWO  
THOUSAND  
COPIES.

WHAT  
IS  
THIS?



I SHALL  
NEVER GIVE  
UP UNTIL  
WE BOTH  
SEE THE  
LIGHT OF  
DAWN.

SWEAR  
TO ME THAT  
YOU WILL  
MAKE IT  
BACK TO  
ME ALIVE.



BOOM

W  
A  
A  
H  
!



RIP  
RIP  
RIP

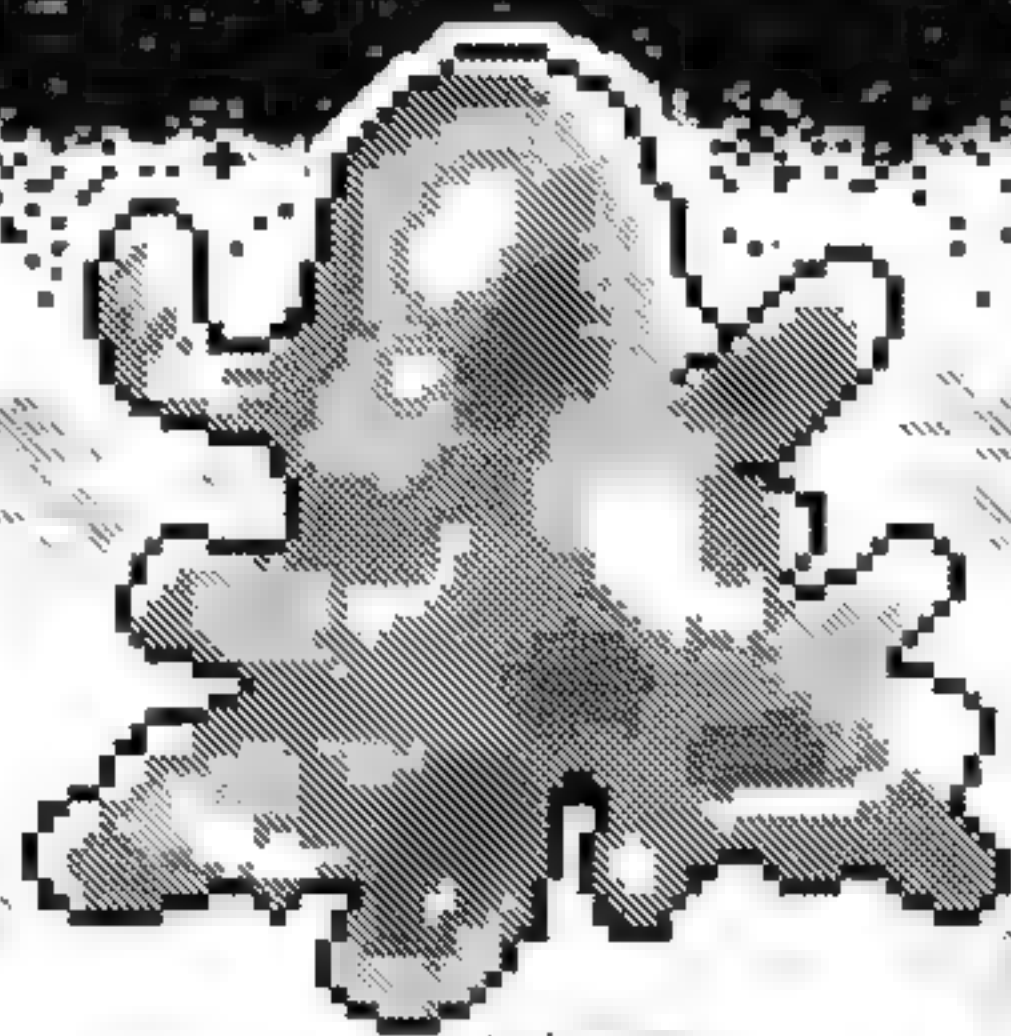






# CHAPTER 9 ♦ Monster

A Water Slime Appeared!



Fight  
Magic  
Defend

Rae  
Claire  
Rod  
Yu

91/91



















FIRE  
MAGIC  
IS AT A  
DISADVAN-  
TAGE  
HERE.



BE THAT  
AS IT MAY,  
I MUST  
KEEP IT  
AT BAY.

AND THE  
ATTRIBUTE  
THAT WOULD  
BE EFFECTIVE,  
WIND, IS THE  
ONE YOU'RE  
UNABLE  
TO USE.



WHAT  
THE  
...?!

YOU  
NEED TO  
EVACUATE  
THE AREA,  
NOW!

MR.  
TORRID.

THAT  
MONSTER  
IS OF THE  
WATER  
ATTRIBUTE,  
RIGHT?





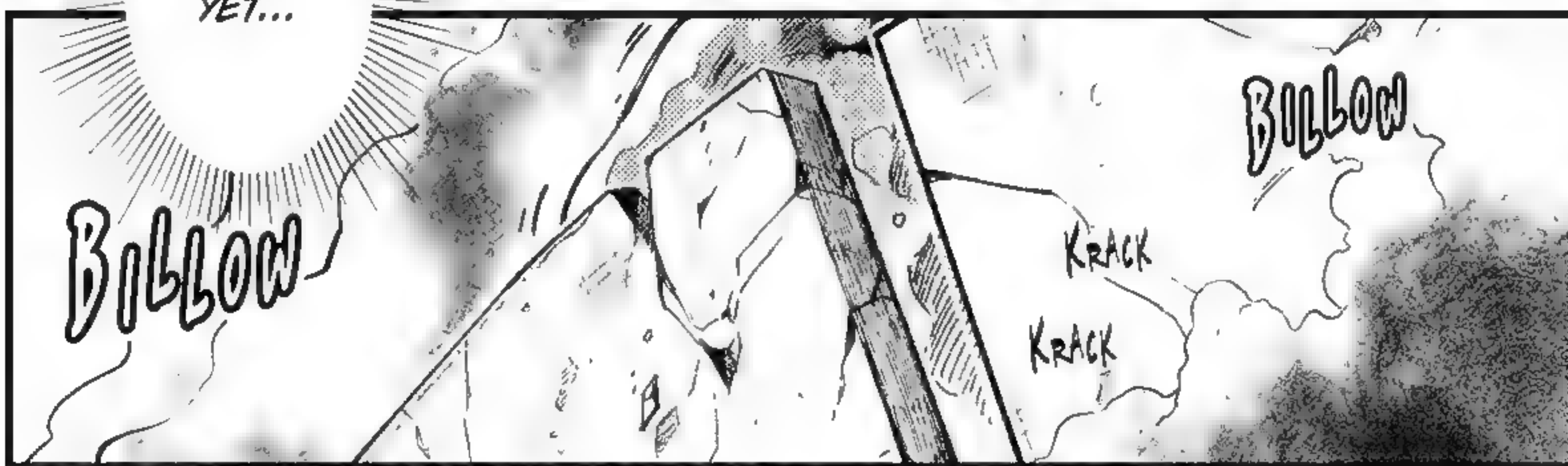








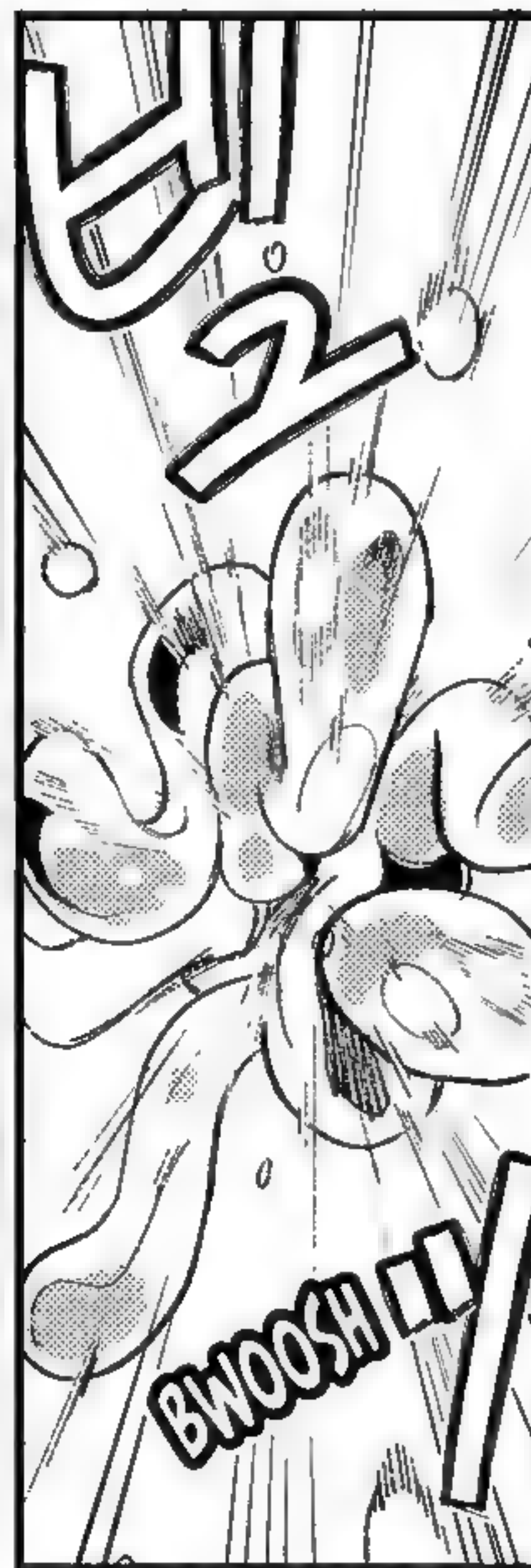




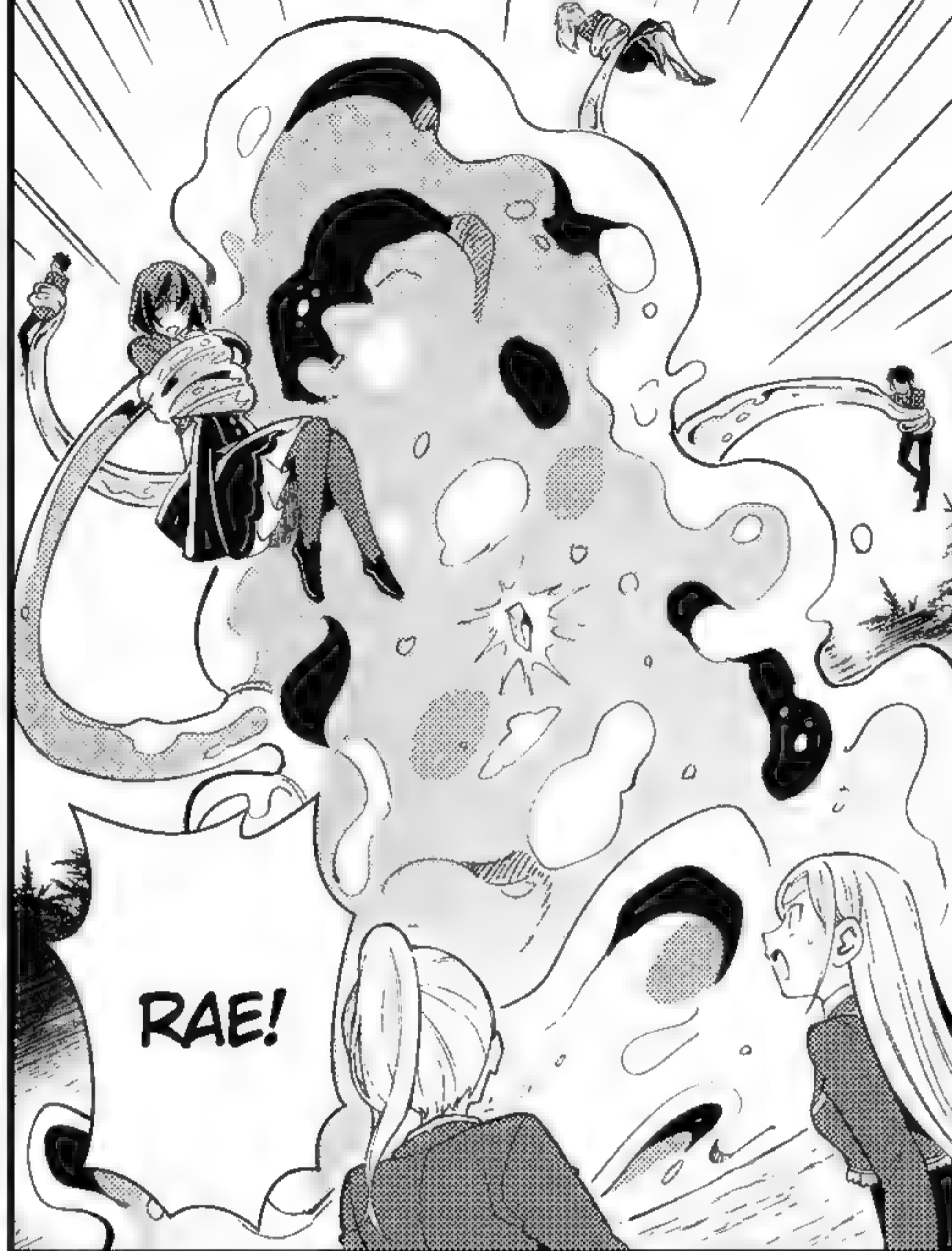




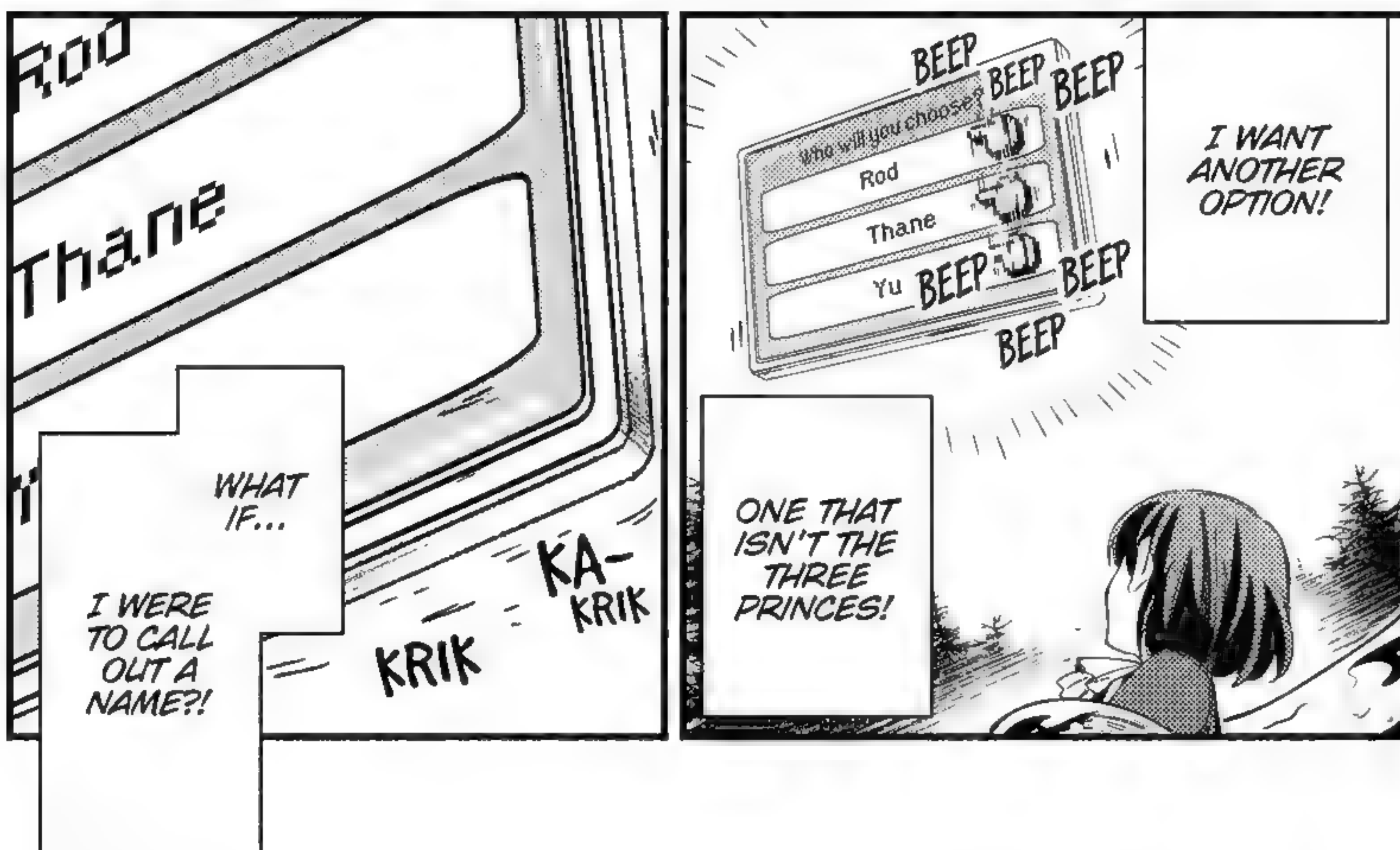
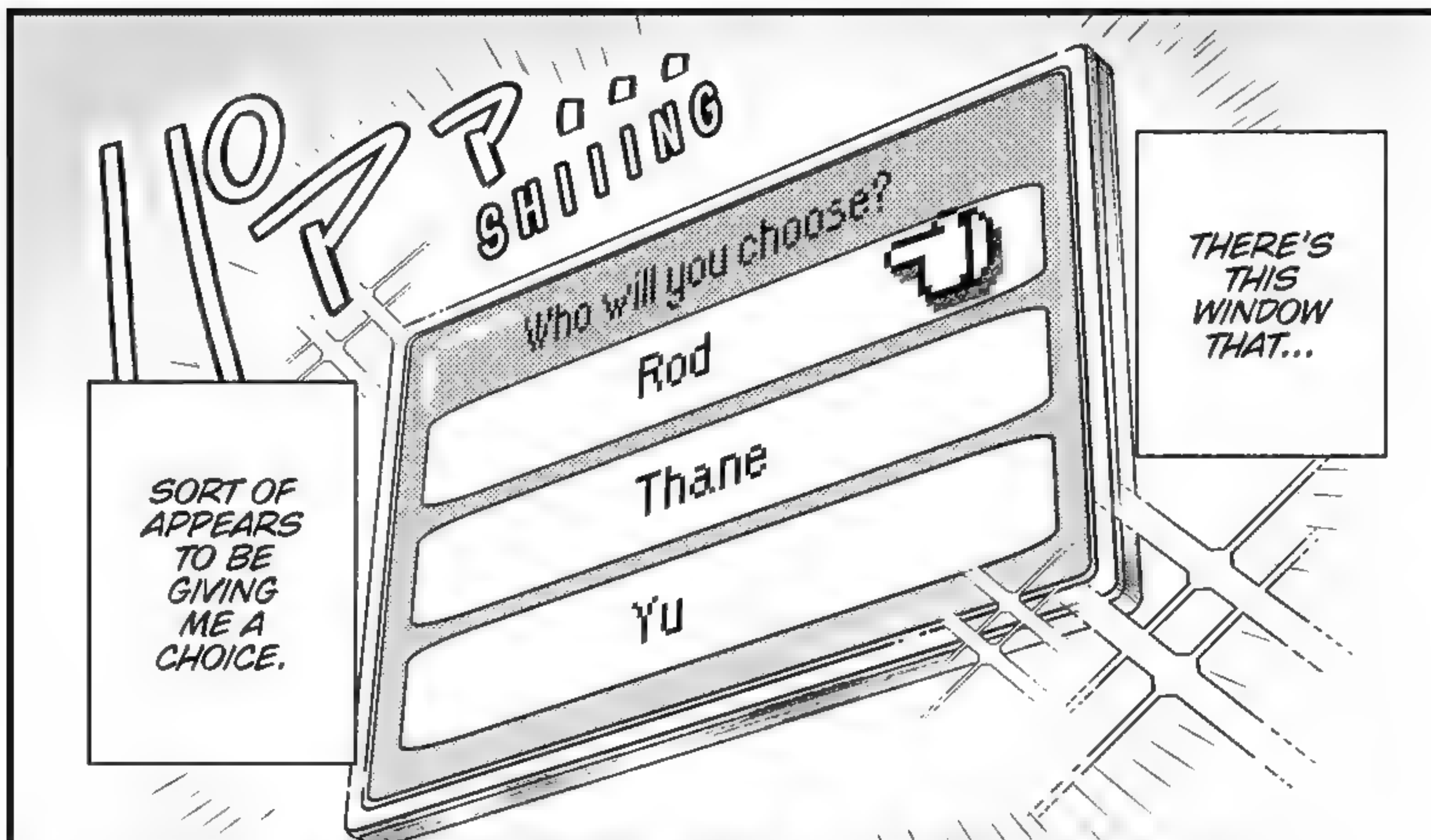












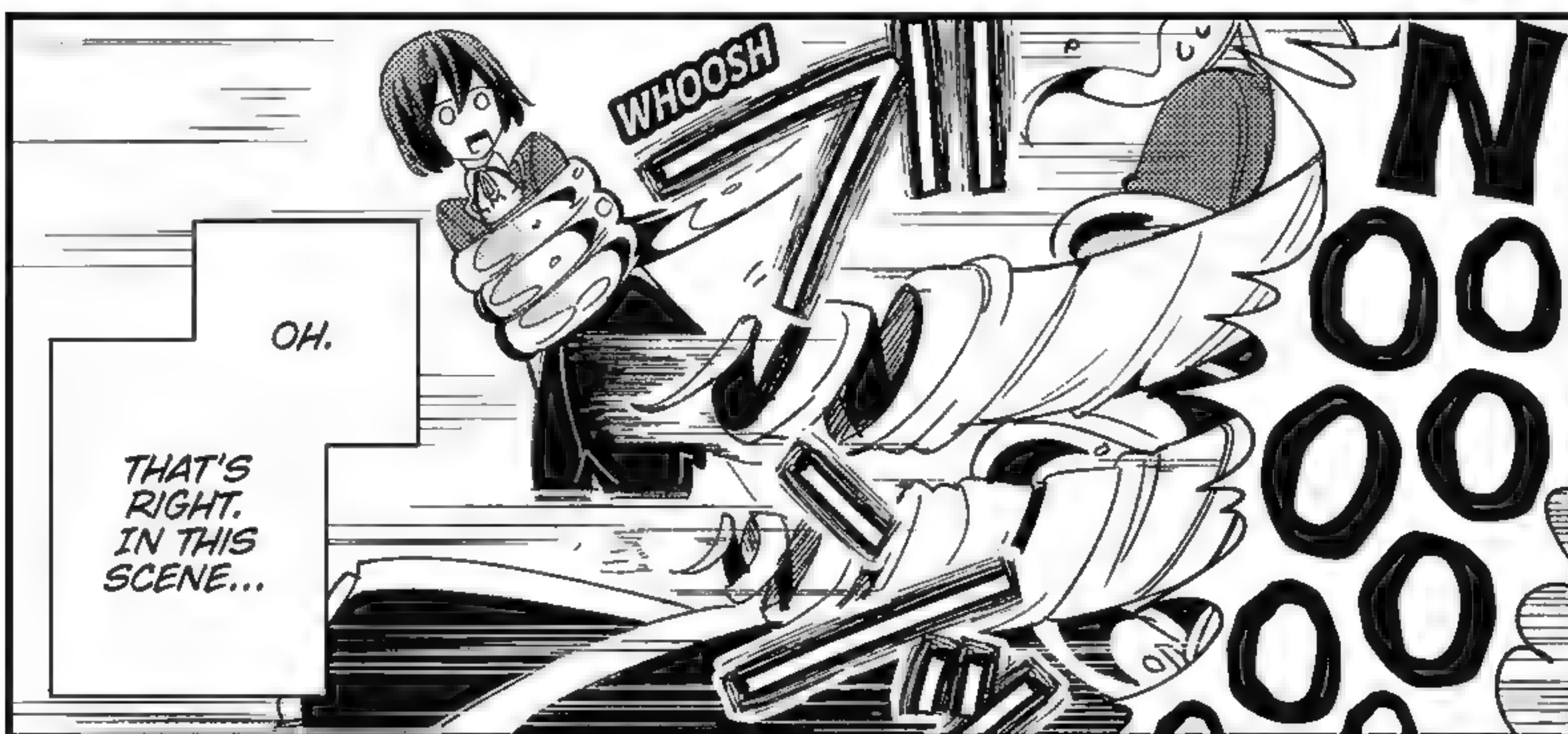
































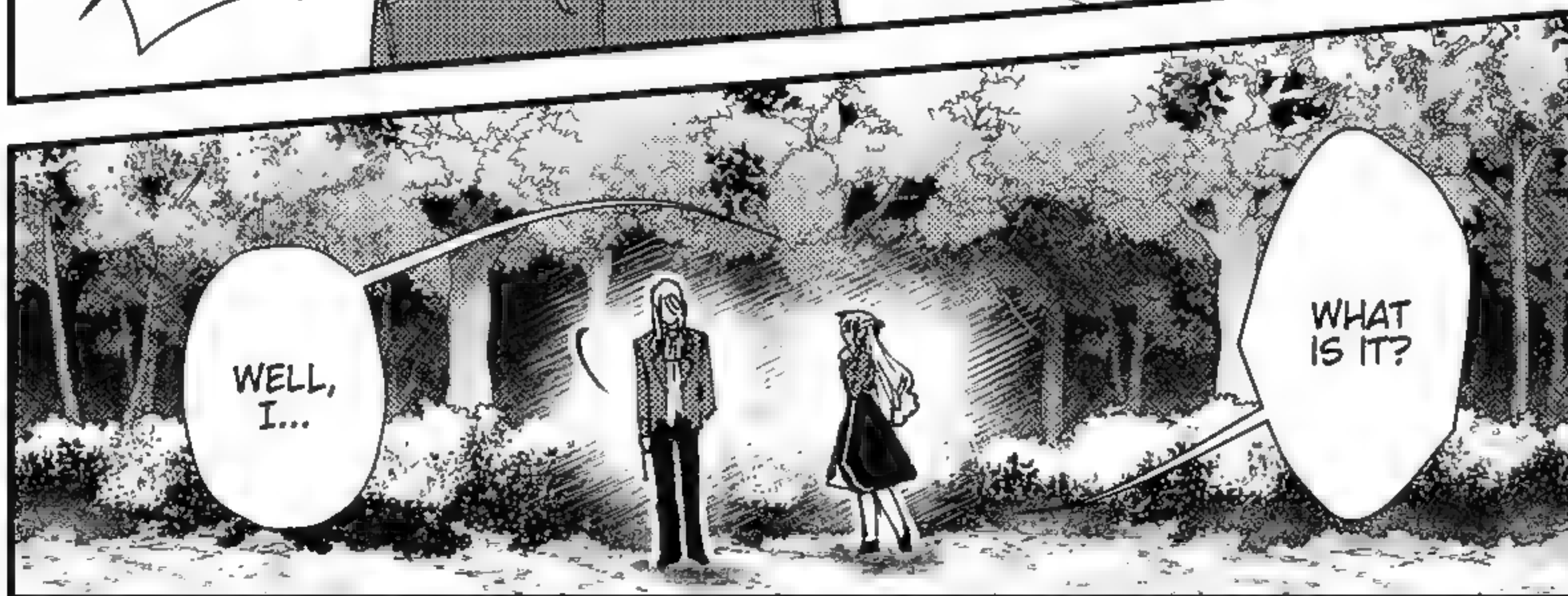
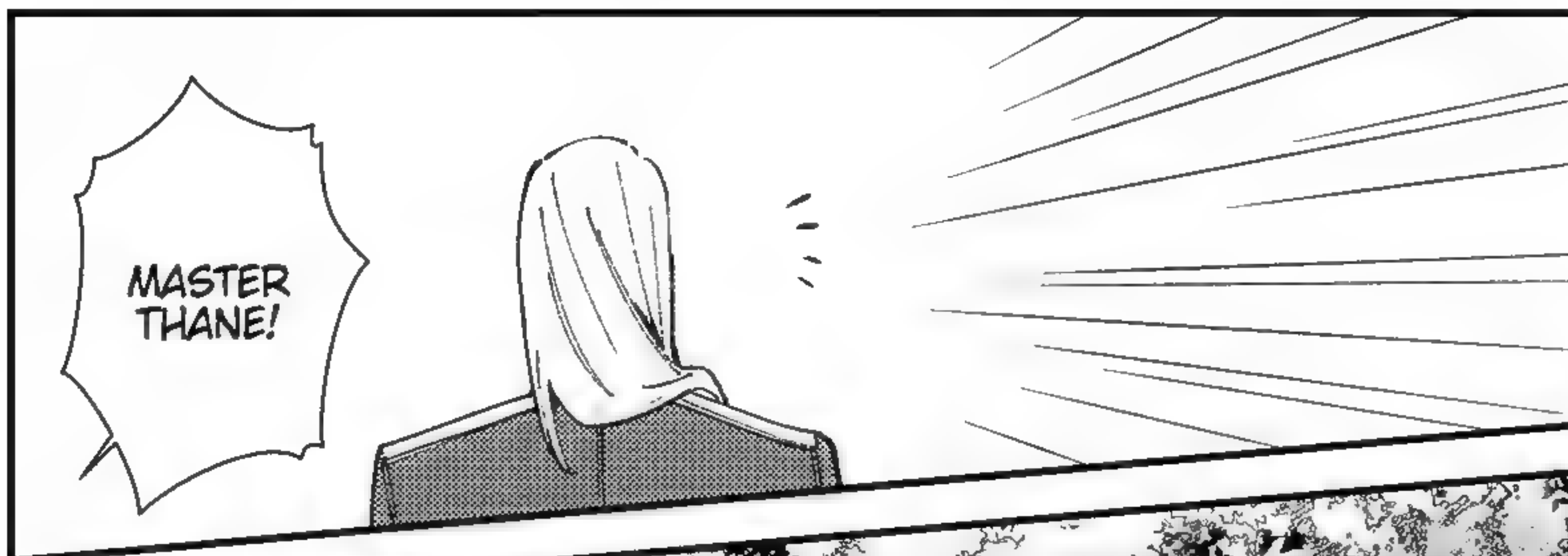
















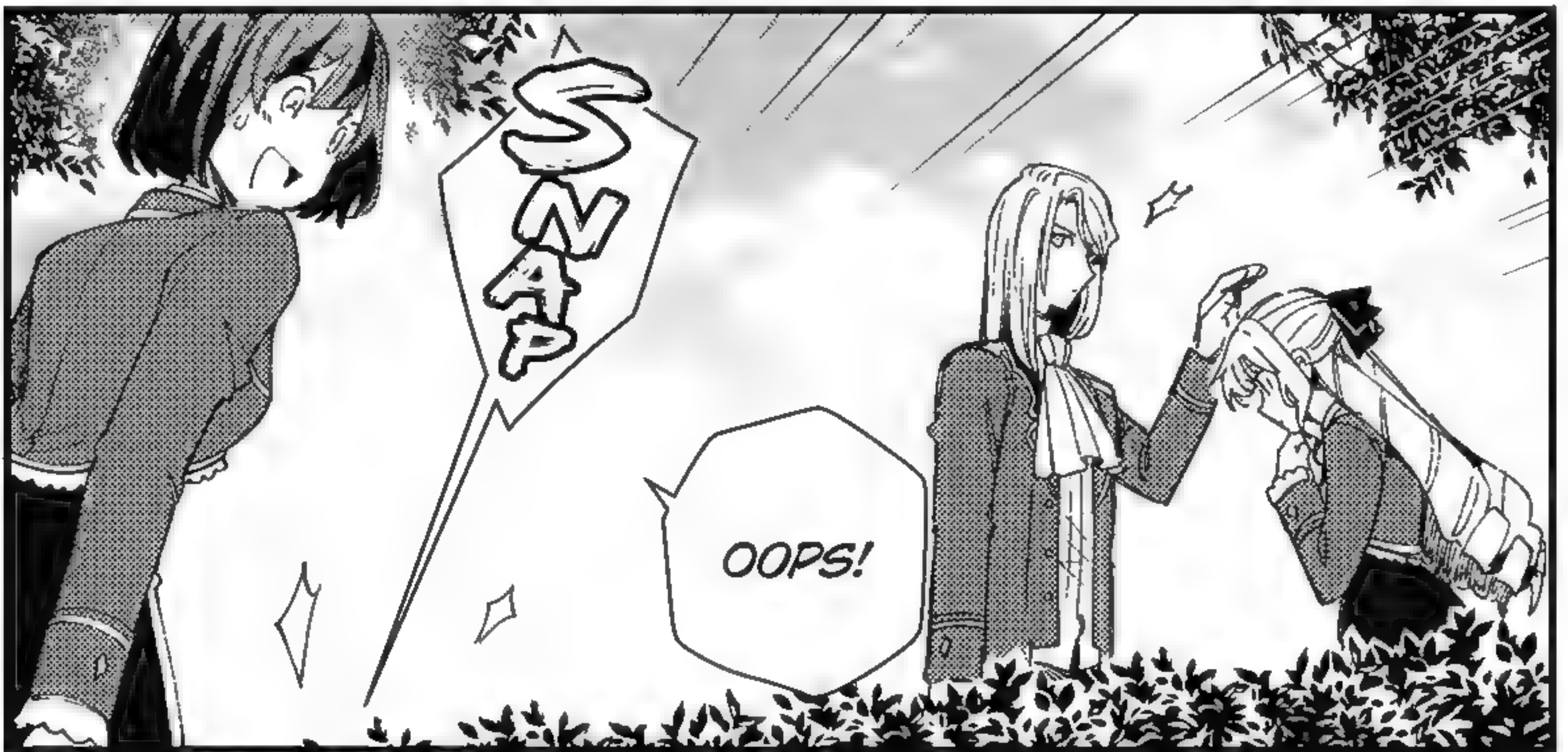




















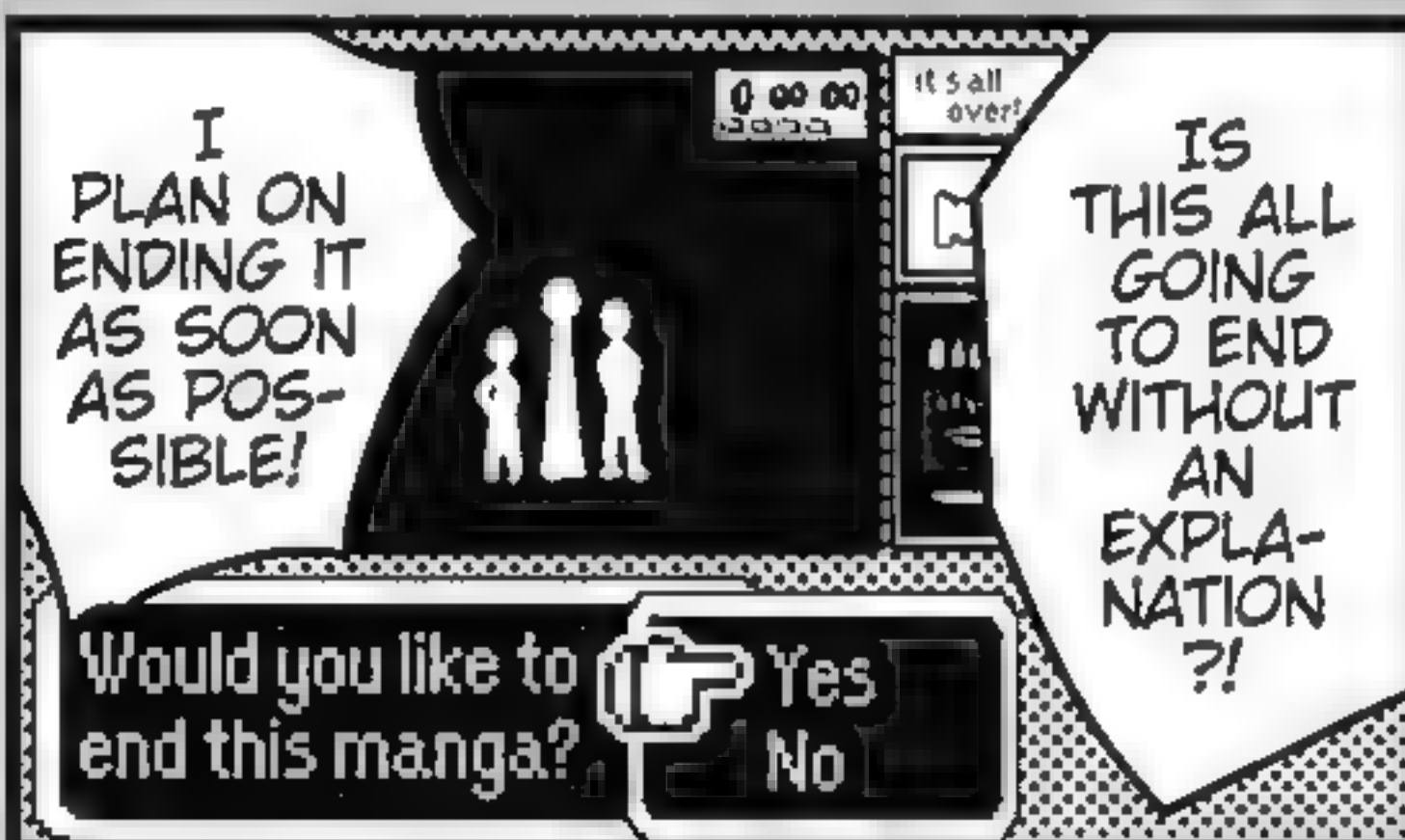
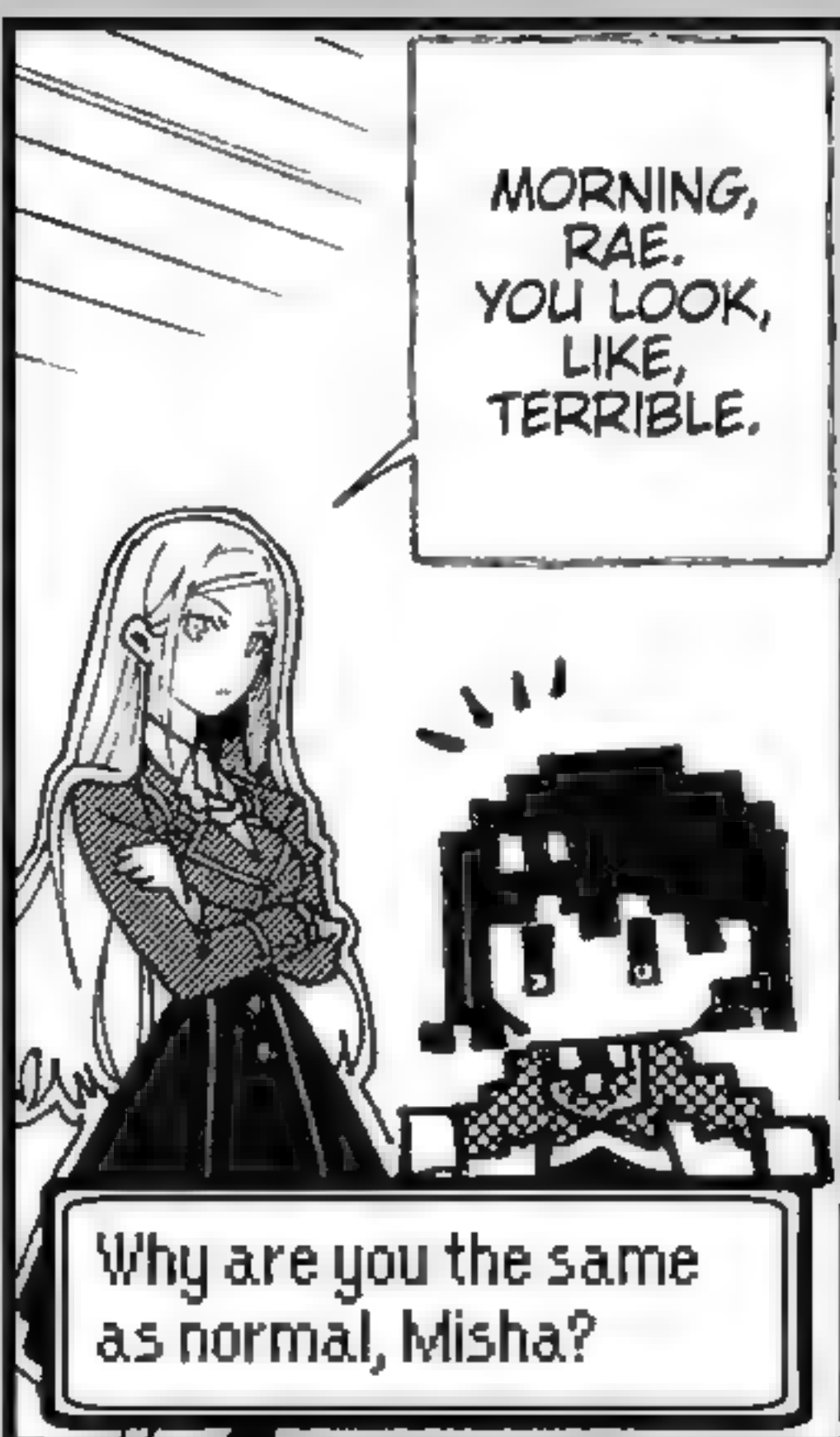






















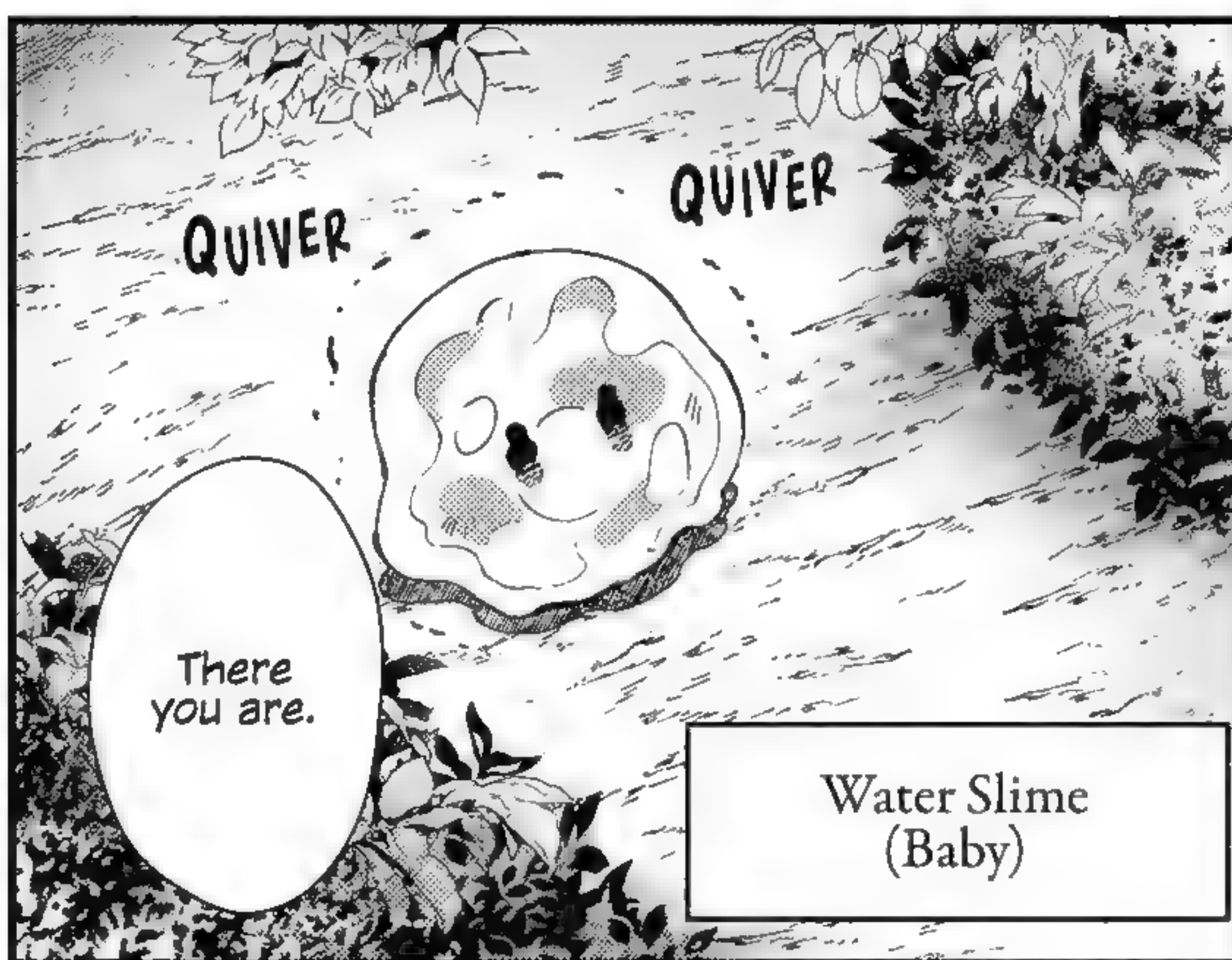


JUST  
WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING  
TO DO  
WITH IT?

A FEW  
DAYS  
AFTER THE  
MONSTER  
INCIDENT...

AND?

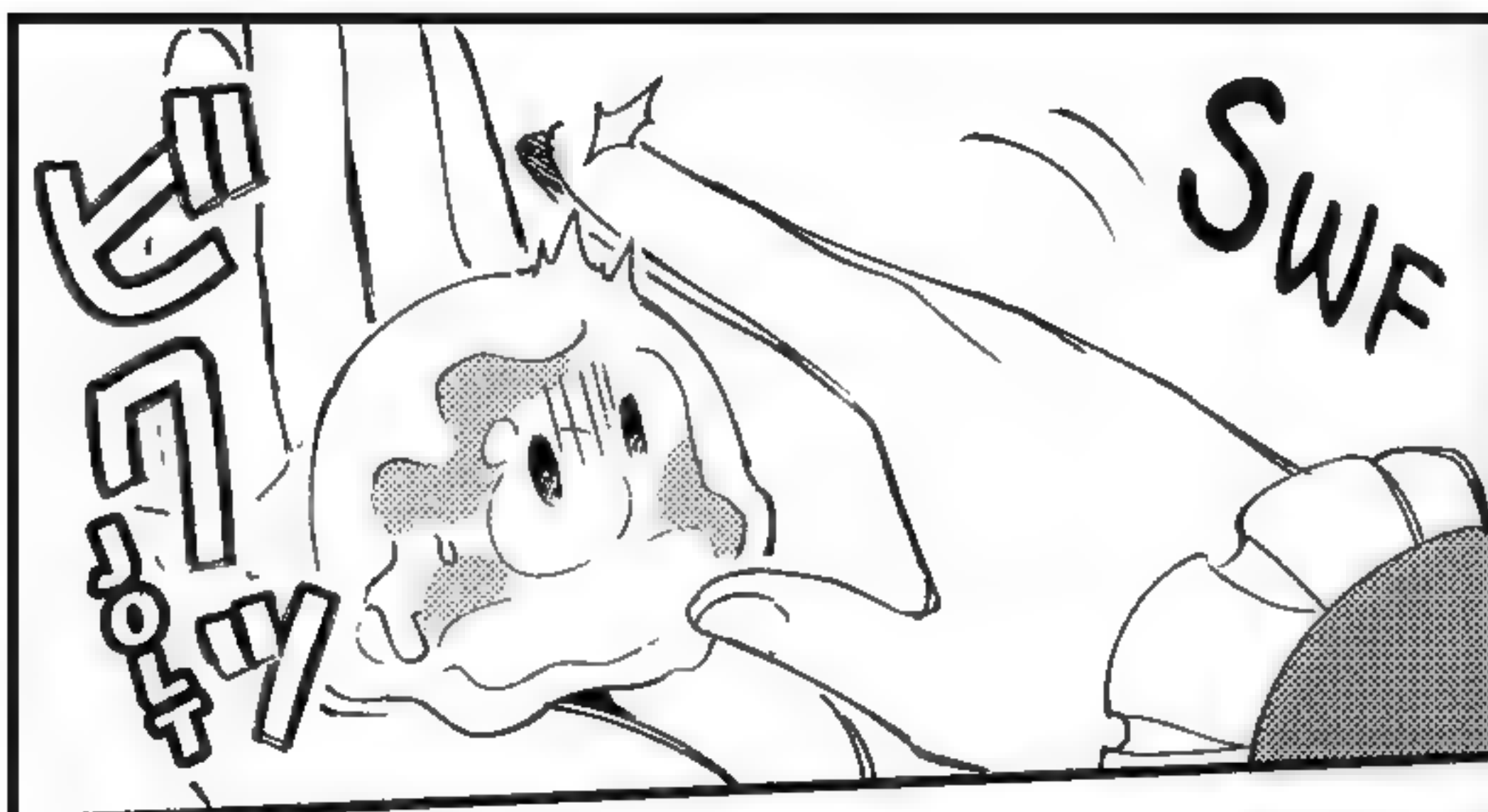
















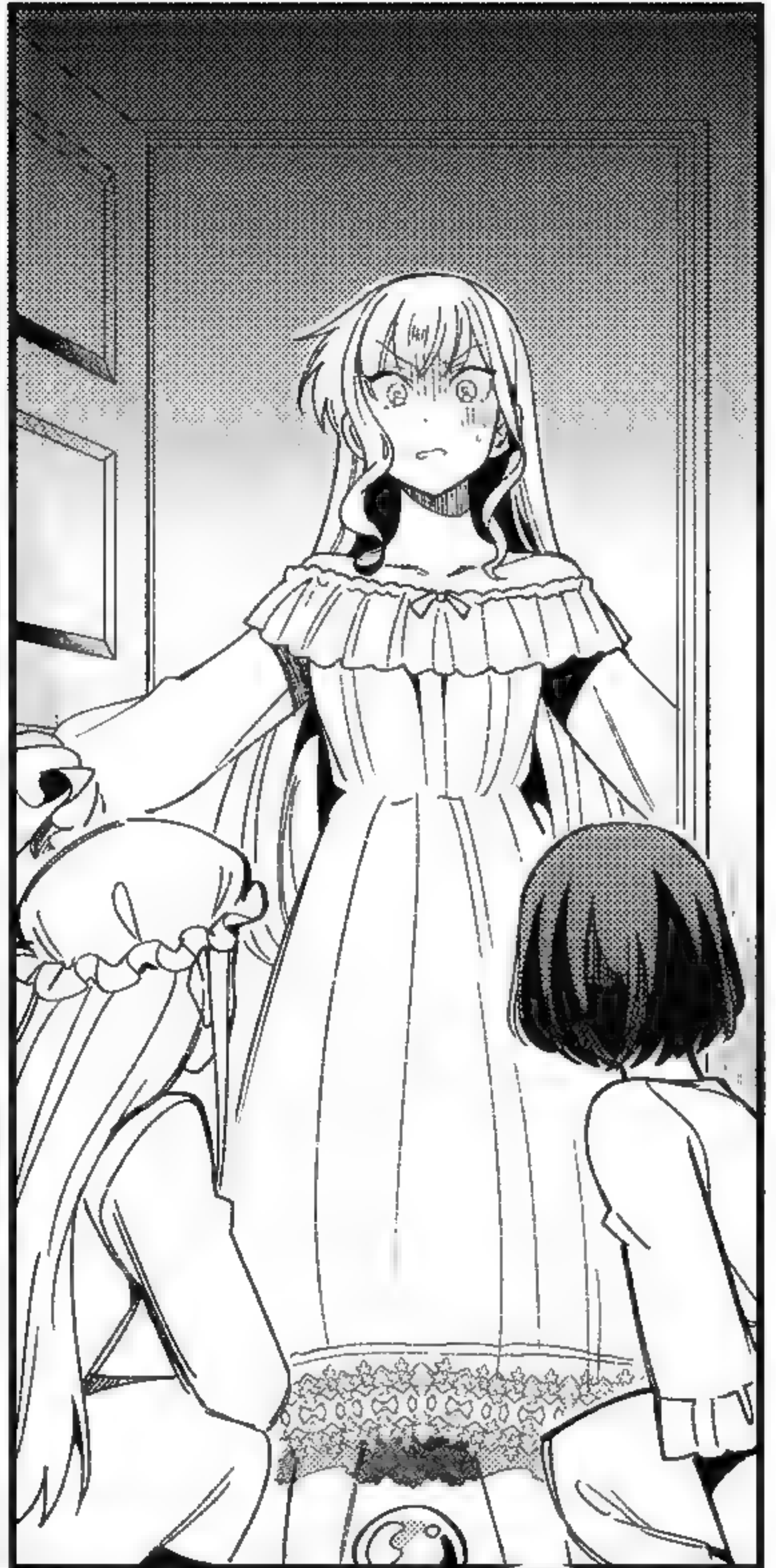




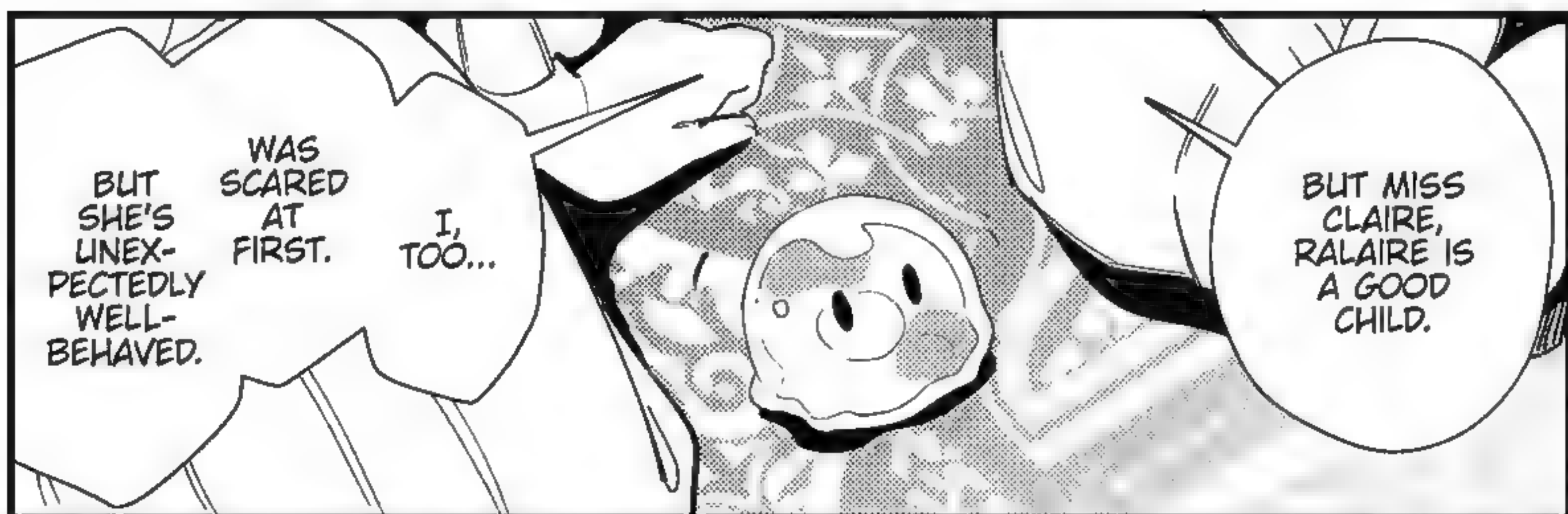




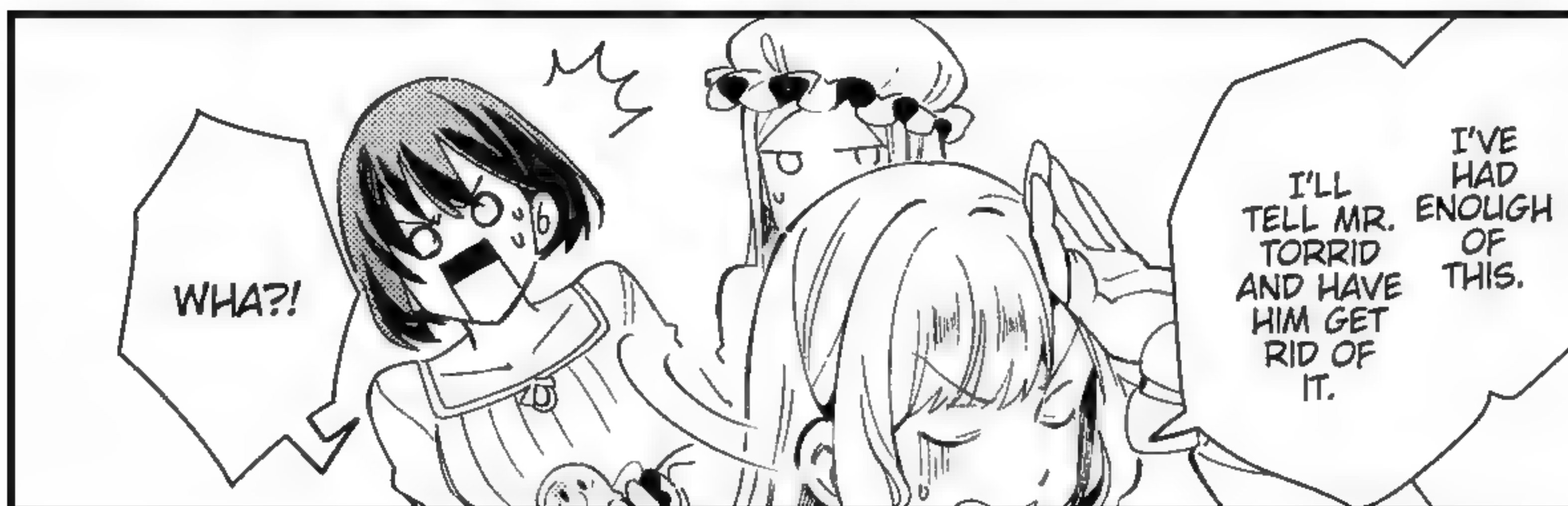








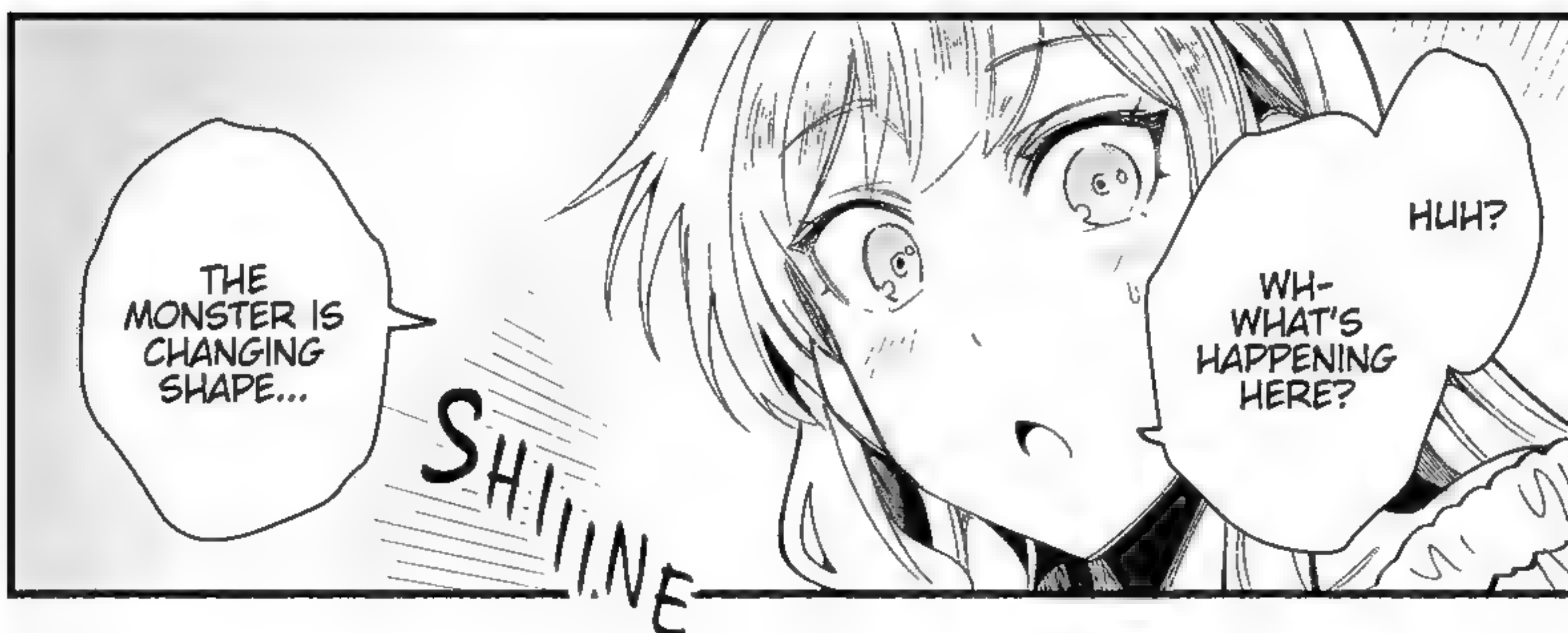
















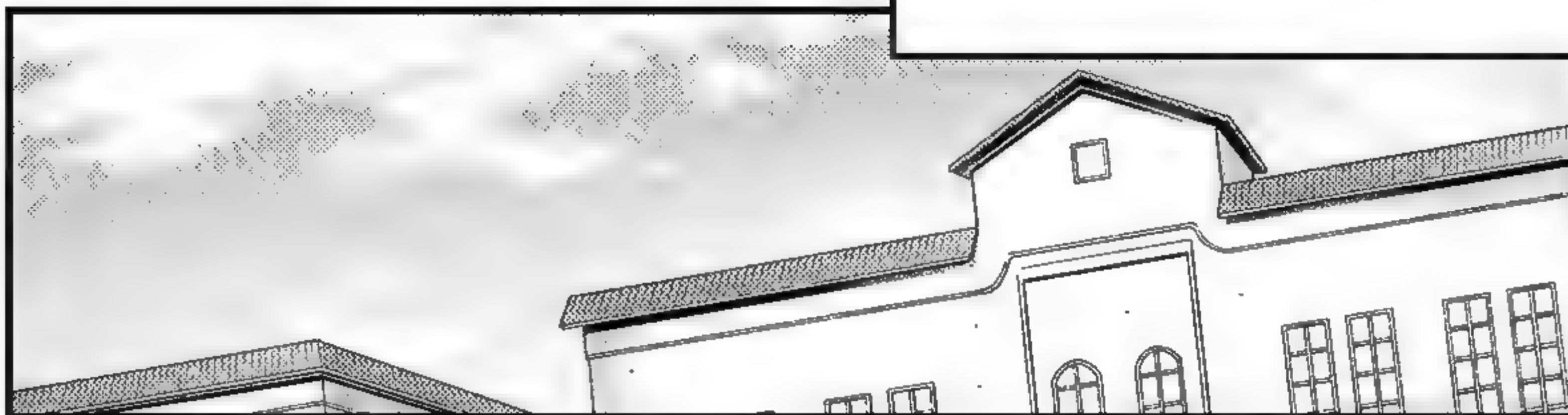








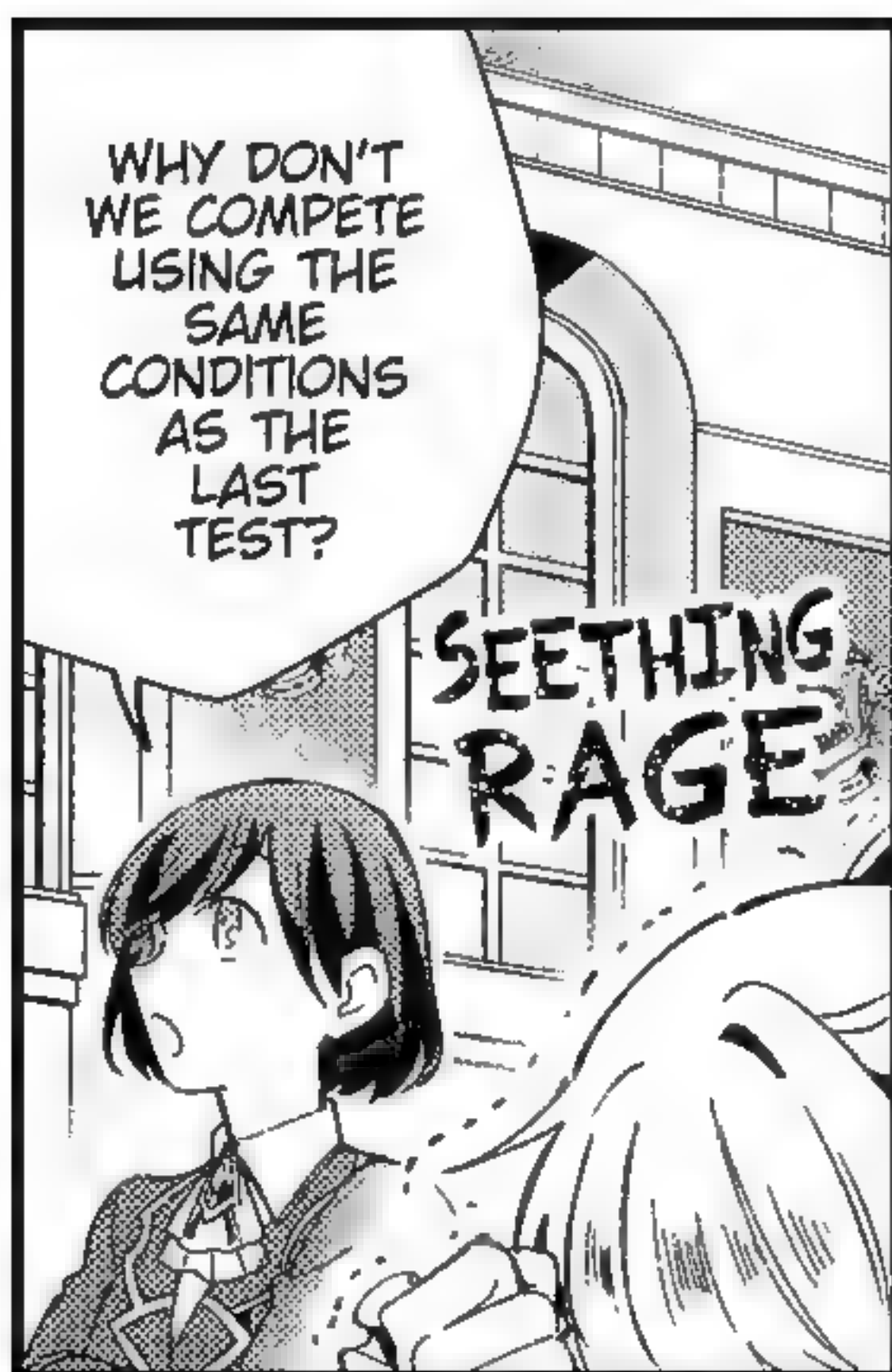






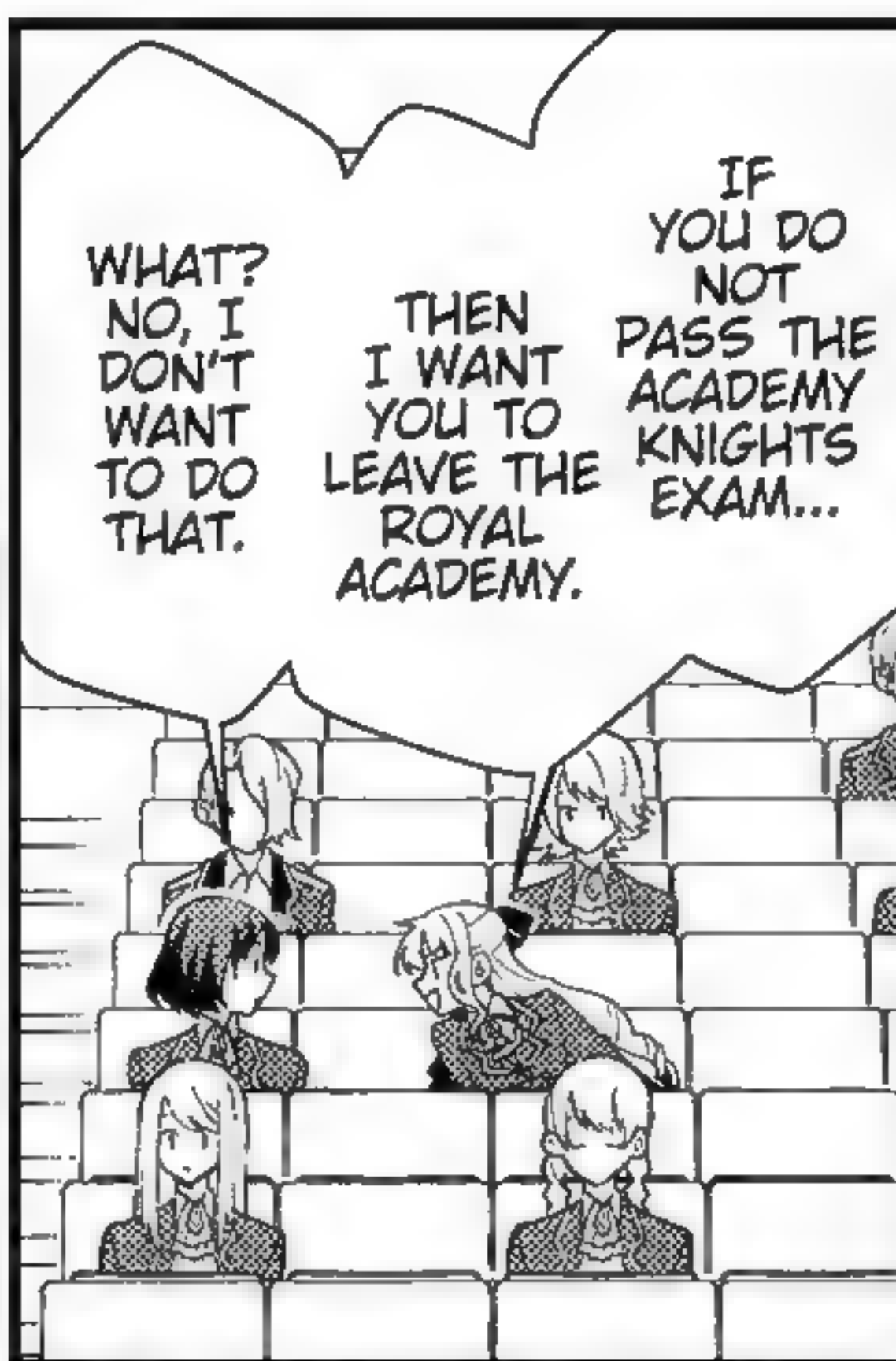






WHY DON'T WE COMPETE USING THE SAME CONDITIONS AS THE LAST TEST?

**SEETHING RAGE**



WHAT? NO, I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.

THEN I WANT YOU TO LEAVE THE ROYAL ACADEMY.

IF YOU DO NOT PASS THE ACADEMY KNIGHTS EXAM...



COMMON-ER!

**WHISPER**



SO, YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME?

YOU MUST BE PLOTTING SOMETHING HERE.

NOW, WAIT JUST A MOMENT!



CAN'T IT BE THAT IF I PASS, I WIN?

BUT THEN I WOULD BE AT A DISADVANTAGE.



...

?



IF I PASS, THEN IT WILL BE MY VICTORY.

THEN HOW ABOUT... IF I FAIL, YOU WIN, MISS CLAIRE.

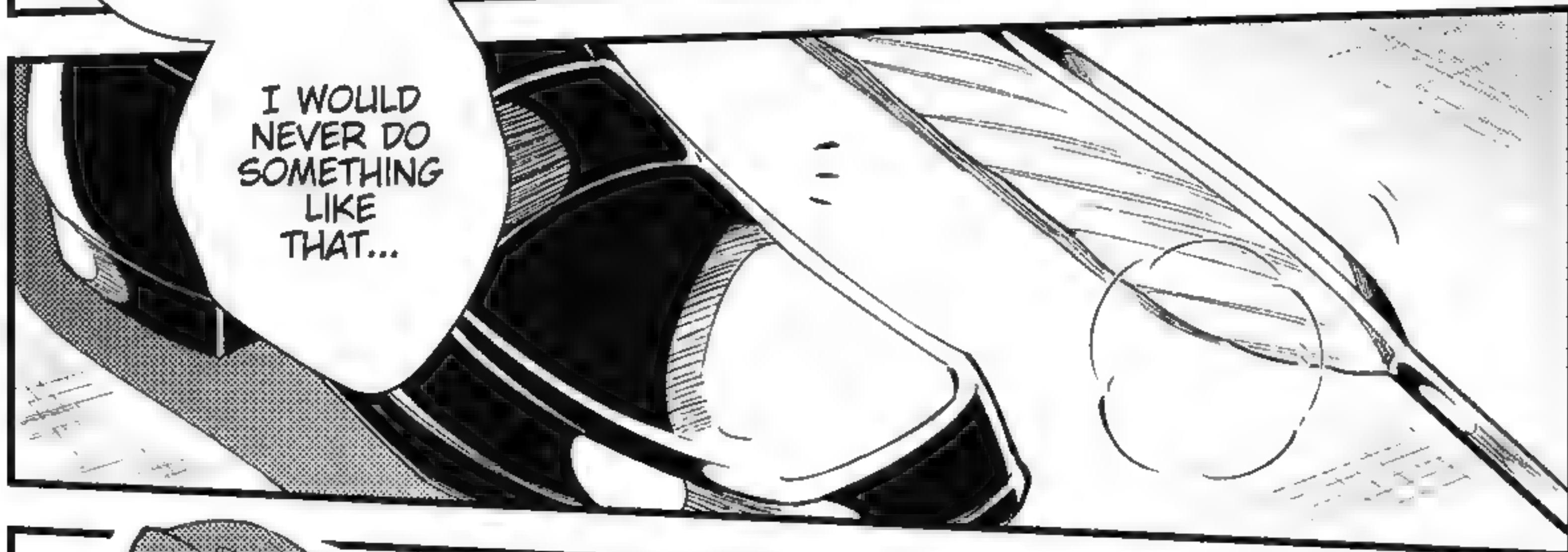
















COMMONER!  
STOP  
DAWDLING  
AND LET  
US BE ON  
OUR WAY  
TO LUNCH!



AH...  
IT'S  
HIM.

SMILE



WH-  
WHOA!

MURMUR

MURMUR

JUST PAST  
NOON,  
WE FOUND  
OURSELVES  
BEFORE  
THE  
BULLETIN  
BOARD.

### WRITTEN EXAM RESULTS

1st: Rod Bauer  
2nd: Yu Bauer  
3rd: Claire François

I KNEW  
THE  
THREE  
PRINCES  
COULD  
DO IT!

THEY  
ALL  
PASSED  
WITH  
FLYING  
COLORS!

Rank	Name	Score	Rank	Name	Score
1st	Rod Bauer	95	11th	Thane Bauer	75
2nd	Yu Bauer	90	12th	Rae Taylor	70
3rd	Claire François	85	13th	Misha Jur	65
4th	Rae Taylor	80	14th	Thane Bauer	60
5th	Misha Jur	75	15th	Rod Bauer	55
6th	Thane Bauer	70	16th	Yu Bauer	50
7th	Rod Bauer	65	17th	Claire François	45
8th	Yu Bauer	60	18th	Rae Taylor	40
9th	Claire François	55	19th	Misha Jur	35
10th	Rae Taylor	50	20th	Thane Bauer	30

4th: Rae Taylor  
5th: Misha Jur  
6th: Thane Bauer

The twenty names listed  
above are invited to  
participate in the practical  
exam this afternoon.





MASTER  
ROD.  
MASTER  
YLI.

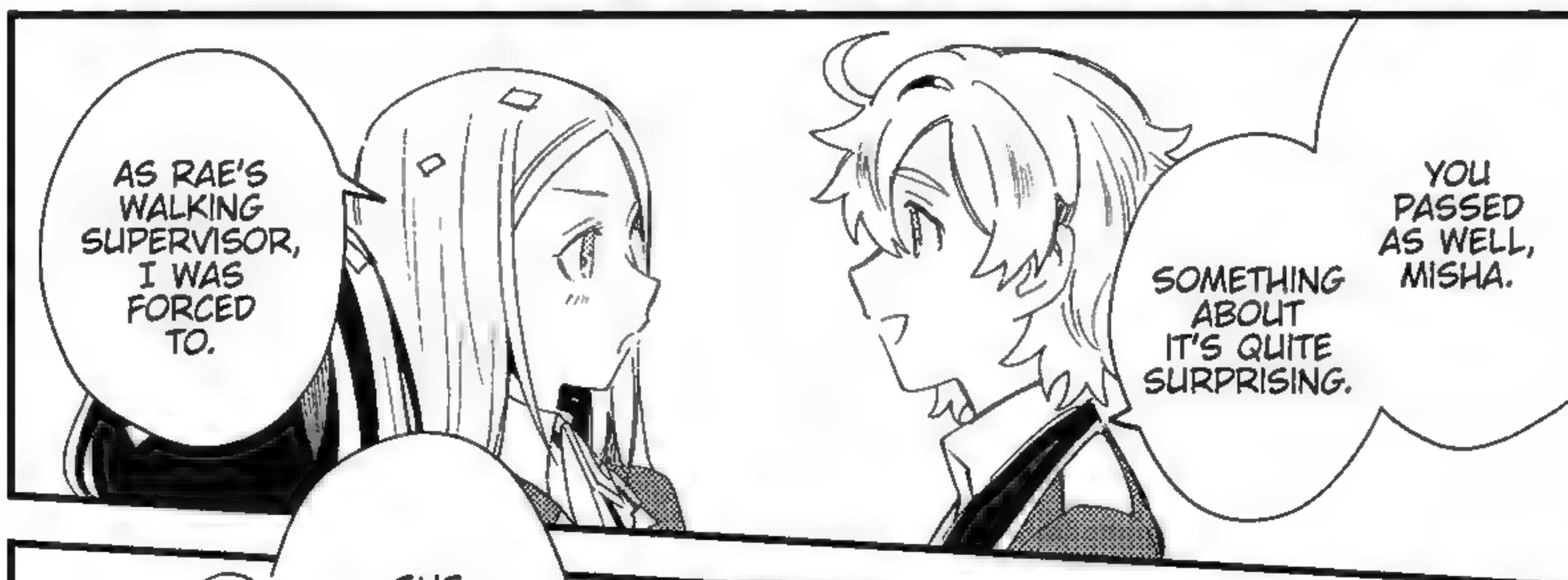
HEYA.  
IT LOOKS  
LIKE YOU  
ALL  
PASSED,  
TOO.



OH  
HO HO  
HO HO  
HO!

THIS IS  
SIMPLY  
NATURAL FOR  
SOMEONE  
OF MY  
CALIBER!

AND  
MISS  
CLAIRE!



AS RAE'S  
WALKING  
SUPERVISOR,  
I WAS  
FORCED  
TO.

YOU  
PASSED  
AS WELL,  
MISHA.  
  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT  
IT'S QUITE  
SURPRISING.



SHE  
MANAGED  
TO SNAG  
FIFTH  
PLACE!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

MISHA  
DOESN'T  
CUT CORNERS  
WHEN IT  
COMES TO  
THINGS  
LIKE THIS.















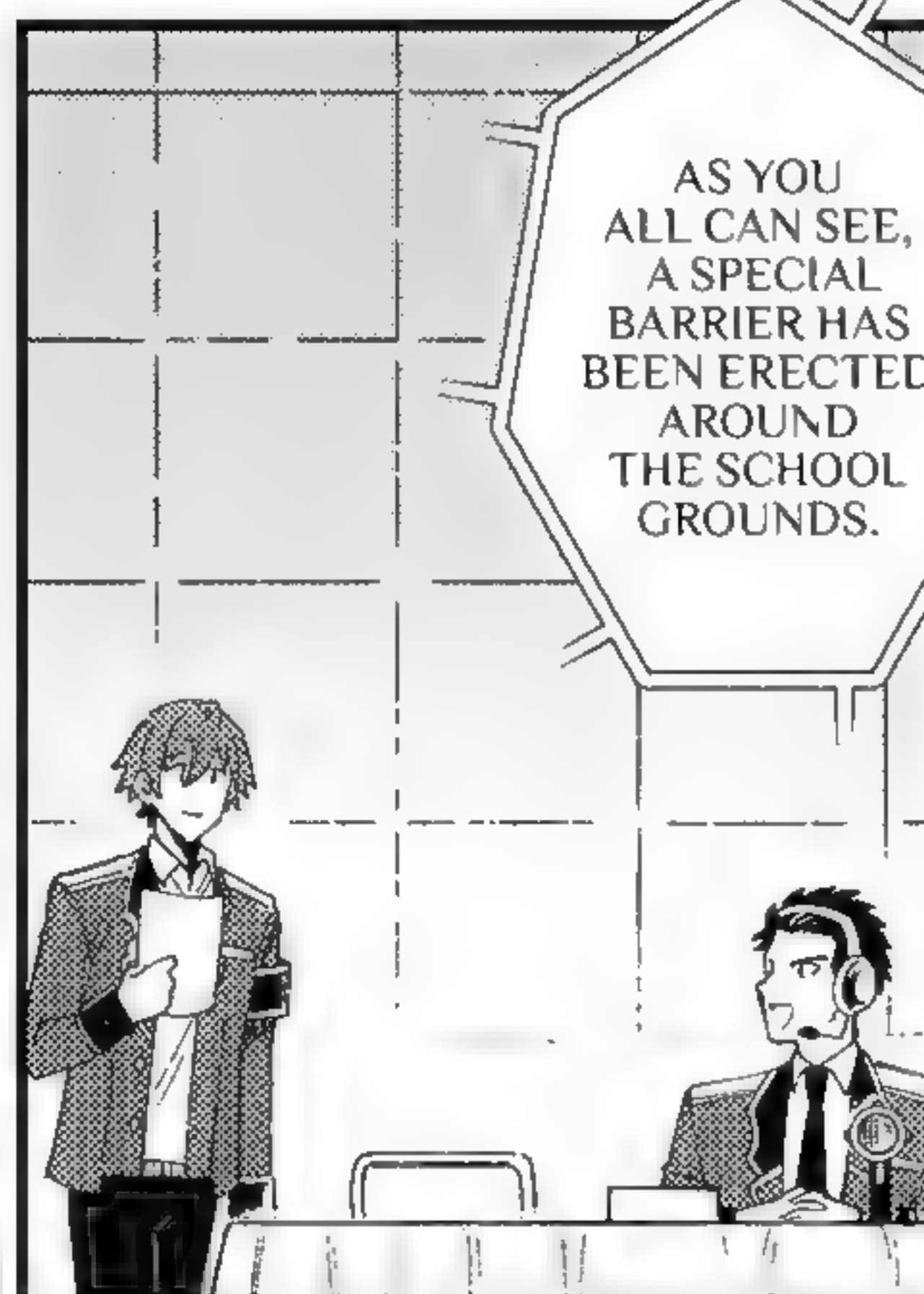






THIS  
WILL  
REDUCE  
THE  
DAMAGE  
TAKEN.

IT WILL  
ALSO ALLOW  
YOU TO  
DEMONSTRATE  
YOUR POWERS  
WITHOUT  
RESTRAINT.



AS YOU  
ALL CAN SEE,  
A SPECIAL  
BARRIER HAS  
BEEN ERECTED  
AROUND  
THE SCHOOL  
GROUNDS.



MUTTER

MUTTER

OH, I  
SEE! WE  
CAN USE  
OUR MAGIC  
AS MUCH  
AS WE  
PLEASE!



WE HAVE  
ALREADY  
ASSIGNED  
THE  
PAIRINGS.

AMONG  
THESE,  
THE PAIRS  
WE'RE MOST  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO SEEING  
ARE...





THE  
FIRST  
MATCH,  
THANE  
BAUER  
VERSUS  
YU  
BAUER...

THE  
SIXTH  
MATCH,  
ROD BAUER  
VERSUS  
MISHA  
JUR...

AND  
FINALLY...





THE  
TENTH  
MATCH,  
CLAIRE  
FRANÇOIS  
VERSUS  
RAE  
TAYLOR!



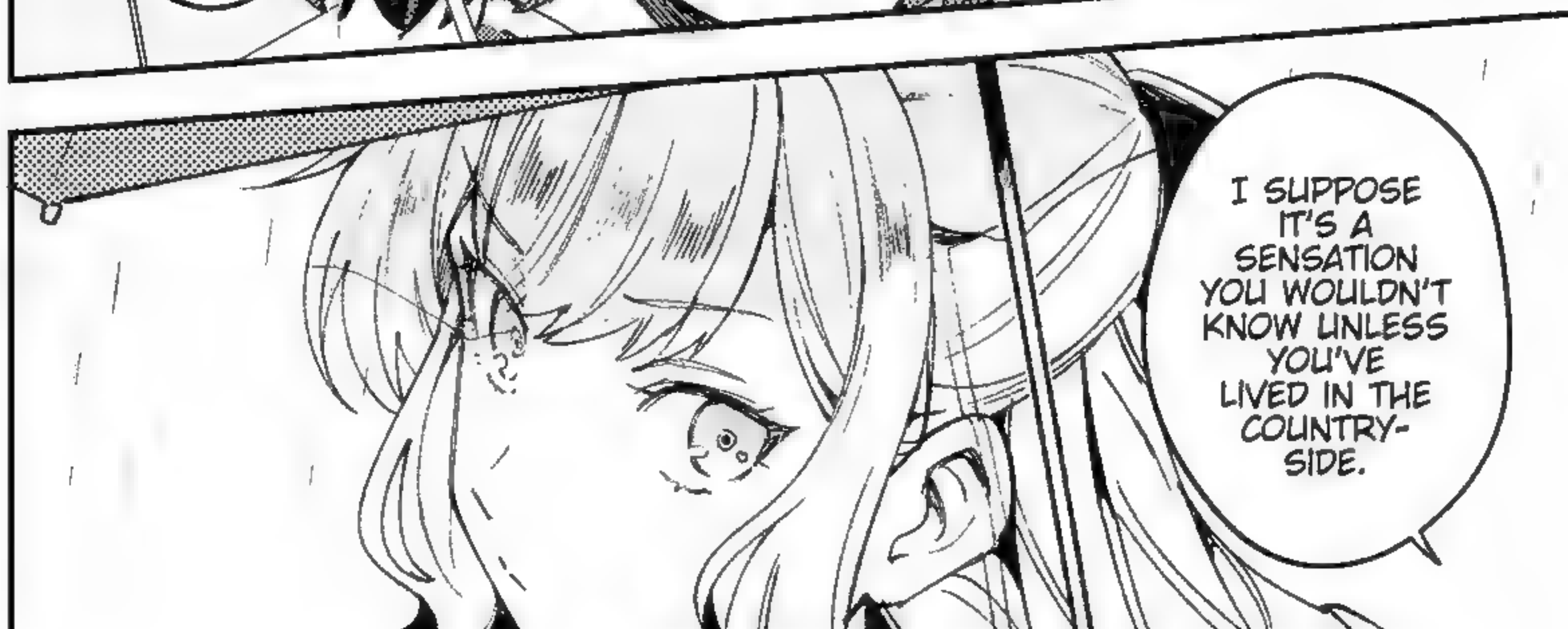








## BONUS ♦ One Rainy Day







I  
SIMPLY  
GUESSED  
WHERE  
YOU  
MIGHT  
BE.

I'M  
KIDDING.  
IT WAS  
ALL A  
JOKE.



MISS  
CLAIRE,  
YOUR LOVELY  
AROMA IS  
MY GUIDING  
LIGHT.

WHEN  
YOU SAY  
IT LIKE THAT,  
IT DOESN'T  
SOUND  
PARTICULARLY  
CLEVER.



BUT  
YOU DO  
SEEM TO  
ALWAYS  
KNOW MY  
WHEREA-  
BOLTS.

IT'S  
NOT AS  
IF I  
WISH TO  
KNOW  
WHY...

OH!  
THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
OF YOUR  
FRAGRANCE.



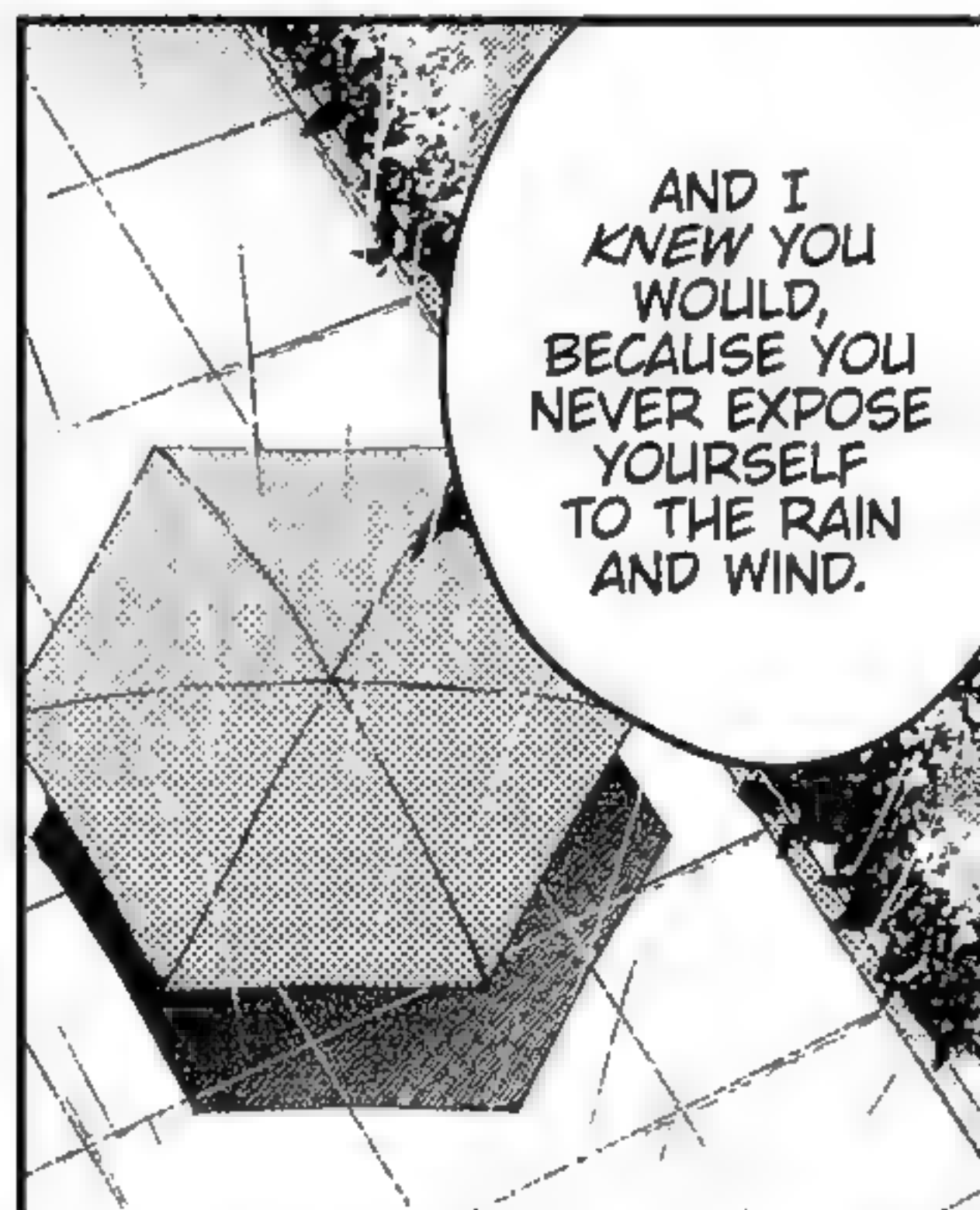
WHICH  
MEANS  
YOU'D  
MAKE  
FOR THE  
EAVES  
OF THE  
CHURCH.

THERE  
AREN'T  
A LOT OF  
ROOFS  
IN THIS  
AREA...

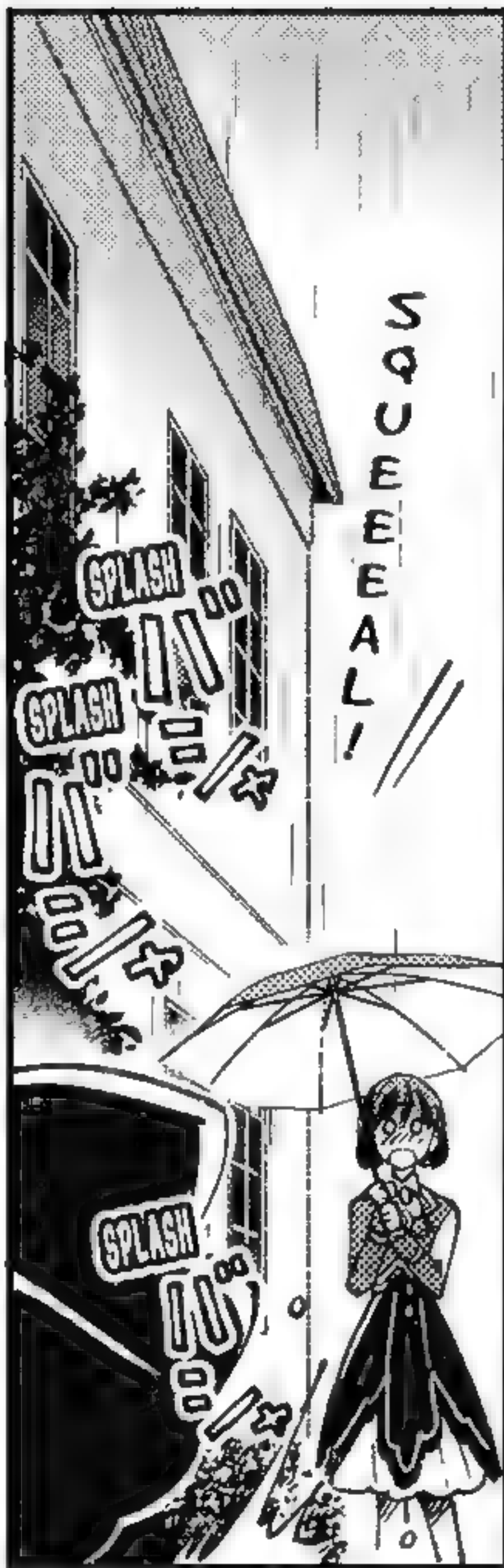
SO I  
WAS CERTAIN  
THAT YOU  
WOULD BE  
SOMEWHERE  
STUDENTS  
DON'T  
PASS BY.

YOU  
DIDN'T  
APPEAR TO  
BE IN A  
GOOD MOOD  
TODAY,  
MISS  
CLAIRE.







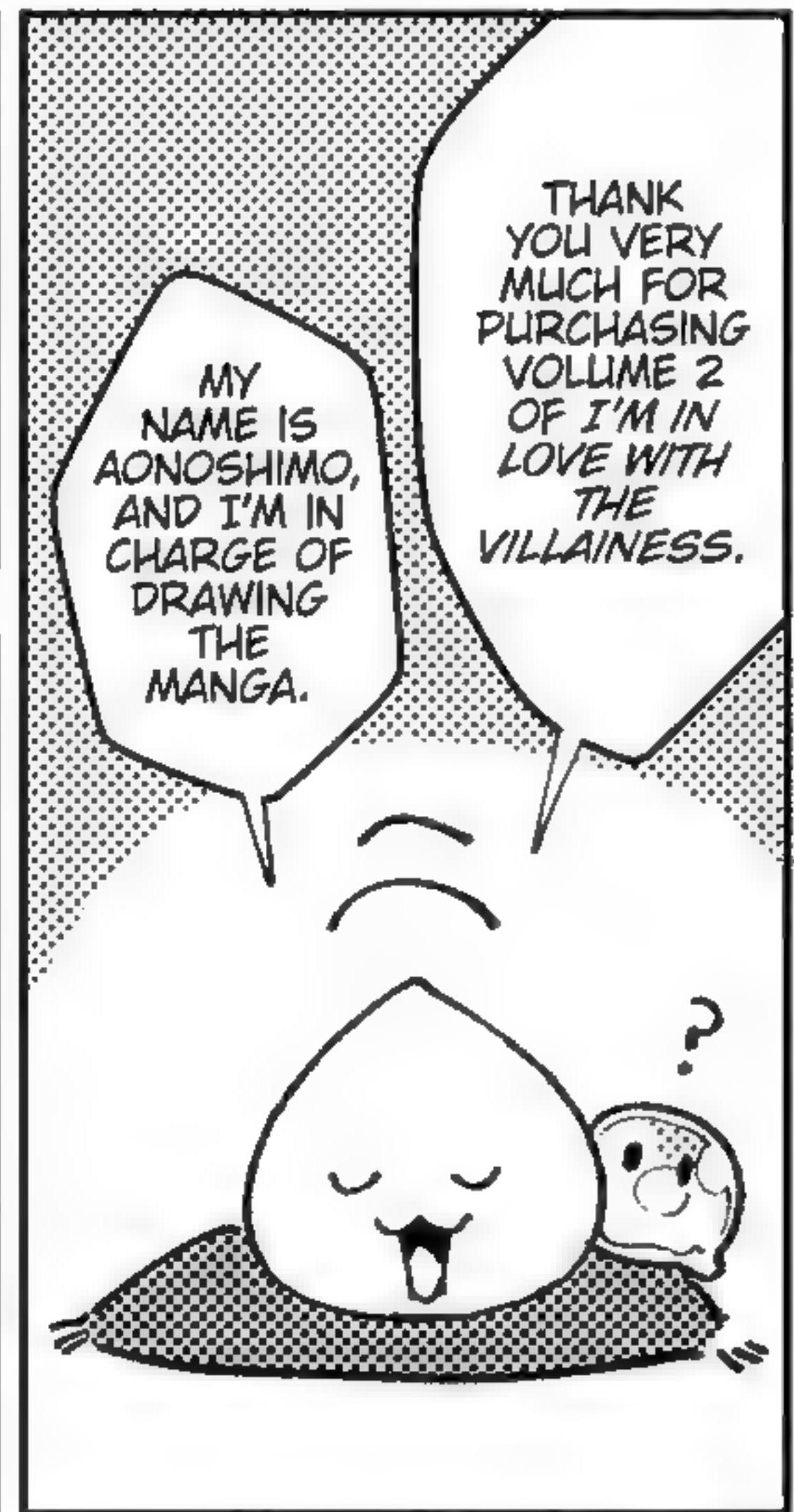


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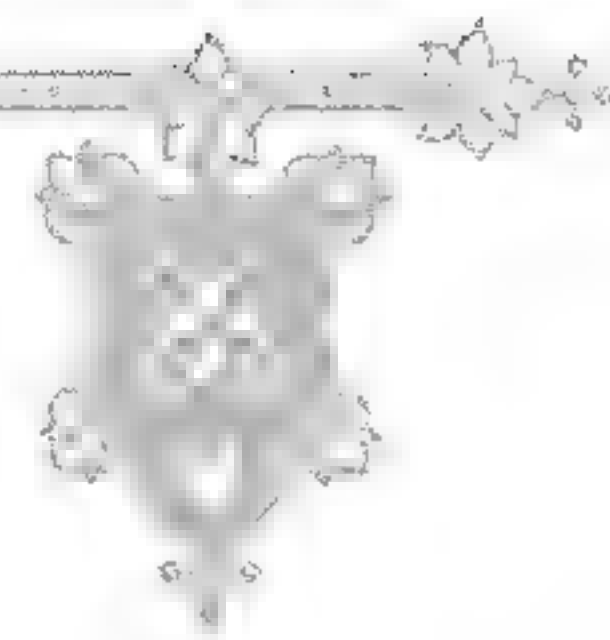












## Claire and Ralaire

Written by Inori.

“Say, ‘Aaah,’ Ralaire.”

The commoner finished her sentence as she fed the baby water slime a biscuit. I still haven’t accepted that she chose to name her Ralaire. However, the water slime began to happily chew. The biscuit was the size of her body, but it disappeared in the blink of an eye.


We were in my own personal room at the Royal Academy. Lene, the commoner, and I had just returned from taking a bath. Now that our preparations for tomorrow were finished, all that remained was to go to bed. That was when the commoner’s familiar had begun acting up, letting us know she was hungry.

“You really do take good care of Ralaire, huh, Rae?”

“Well, yeah! Of course! I mean, she’s the manifestation of the love Miss Claire and I share.”

“Could you please stop saying things that vastly differ from reality?!”





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The commoner was once again claiming “facts” that made not a drop of sense. Normally, I simply let her comments slide, for if I were to rebuke her for each and every one, my body would soon give out. However, I did sometimes speak up when I simply could not let such speech stand.

“Besides, have you forgotten that we are currently in my room? Misha can be the one to take Ralaise out of here.”

“But Miss Claire, I believe that would mean you’re abandoning your parental duties, no?”

“As I have stated before, that *thing* isn’t my child!”

Lene and the commoner broke into giggles at my agitation. Goodness! What was wrong with these two?

“Rae, have you seen Miss Claire’s hairbrush?”

“I thought you had it on you, Lene.”

“Perhaps I forgot it in the bathroom.”

“Why don’t we go see if we can find it. Miss Claire, I need you to watch over Ralaise while we’re gone.”

“Excuse me?! H-hold on just a moment, commoner...”

“We will be right back. Let’s go, Rae.”


“You’re going, too, Lene?! What?! Wait!”

They didn’t give me even a moment to try and stop them. The pair disappeared, leaving me with the monster. I glanced at Ralaise, terrified. She almost looked as if she had turned to face me.

“Y-yes? What is it?” I asked.

But Ralaise simply jiggled and trembled. She appeared as if she was attempting to say something, but I didn’t know





anything about the expressions of monsters. Flustered, I turned my gaze to the bag of biscuits from earlier.

“Oh! Would you like some more?”

When I showed her a biscuit, like the commoner had done, Ralaire began to bounce in place. I broke the biscuit into bite-sized pieces, and Ralaire gobbled them up wholeheartedly.

“Phew! Perhaps this could be considered a form of cultural exchange?”

Even though I had been meticulously instructed in the languages and etiquette of our neighboring nations since I was a little girl, never in my wildest dreams had I thought the day would come when I would need to understand a monster.

“A monster is a monster, even if it’s a baby familiar.”

As I recalled the events of the battle against the water slime the other day, I felt a tremble run through my legs.

“What if this one, too, begins to run rampant? Will we see it coming?”

*Meeeow! Mrow!*

“Oh my!”

I turned toward the sweet, tender voice and spotted a kitten on the windowsill. It must have wandered in from somewhere. But there was simply no way this was a stray cat. It looked well-cared for and wore a red collar around its neck.

“How adorable! But you must come down! That perch is ever so dangerous.”





As I moved to the window, the kitten quickly turned, leaped, and ran away.

“A-and I won’t miss you, either! Good riddance!”

I was feeling slightly down about this development, but I turned back to face Ralaire.

“Oh wow!”

Ralaire had taken on the form of the kitten. She looked exactly like the one that had been at my window.

“I-I guess even *you* can take on cute forms.”

Ralaire was now a semi-transparent, jiggling kitten. I didn’t even realize that I’d reached out to her, but before I knew it, I was stroking what should have been her fur. She felt cool to the touch.

“This isn’t so bad, I suppose.”

I continued to pet her. As soon as Ralaire finished eating her biscuit, she leaped up onto my arm.

“Wh-whoa! St-stop that!”

Ralaire climbed up my shoulder and stared deep into my eyes. Her own eyes were like two round crystals.

“Th-that adorable expression of yours won’t fool me!”

I attempted to put up a tough exterior, but Ralaire broke down my defenses by rubbing against my cheek. *Sh-she’s so cute!*

“D-don’t think that this *one* action will lead to me accepting you! But...I suppose I can grant you a small amount of acceptance.”

All else aside, the form Ralaire currently embodied was blameless. There was nothing unnatural about appreciating



the cuddliness of something innately cute. *Wait a second, who am I trying to reason with here?!*

I slowly extended a finger to touch Ralaire's kitten-form face, but before I even reached her, she began licking my finger of her own accord. I was certain that she only wished to gobble up any lingering biscuit crumbs, but she was, nevertheless, unbearably adorable in that moment.

"Goodness, you're just like your owner. You are both simply out of tune."

I gently poked Ralaire, and she stared blankly back at me. *Hee hee!*

"Even the commoner looks like she could be a normal girl at first glance."

That nuisance, who never did anything that wasn't some bold, rash action, suddenly appeared in my mind, her mouth quirking just so, her determined gaze...

"Right, right. Just like that. Wait, what?"

Ralaire was transforming from the kitten to the commoner before my very eyes.

"H-hold on just a moment!"

Also, her version of the commoner was stark naked.

"Wh-why did you do this, Ralaire? Hurry up and change back! I shall not allow a shameless form like that!!"


I was panicking, but Ralaire didn't seem to hear me. She kissed my cheek while maintaining the commoner's form.

"E-enough! Stop that this instant!"

I heard the click of my bedroom door.

"We're back! Miss Claire, we—Huh?!"





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“How thoughtless of me to drop it in a place like tha—  
Oh?”

The two of them turned their gazes toward Ralaise and froze.

“No! This isn’t what you think it is!”

“It seems that you’ve made Ralaise do something quite bold, Miss Claire.”

“Miss Claire! If you wished to see my body, all you needed to do was ask! I’m more than happy to oblige!”

“This is a misunderstanding, do you hear me?! Lene! Don’t you look at me like that! Commoner! Stop removing your clothes!!”

It took two whole days to explain such a massive misunderstanding. Why is it that *I* am always the one made to suffer like this?! Ralaise is cute. I will admit that. But it’s clear that she is her owner’s child!

“Ralaise! I am going to train you with the firmest of hands, so prepare yourself!”

Despite my stern words, Ralaise’s expression remained cool as she jiggled and trembled.





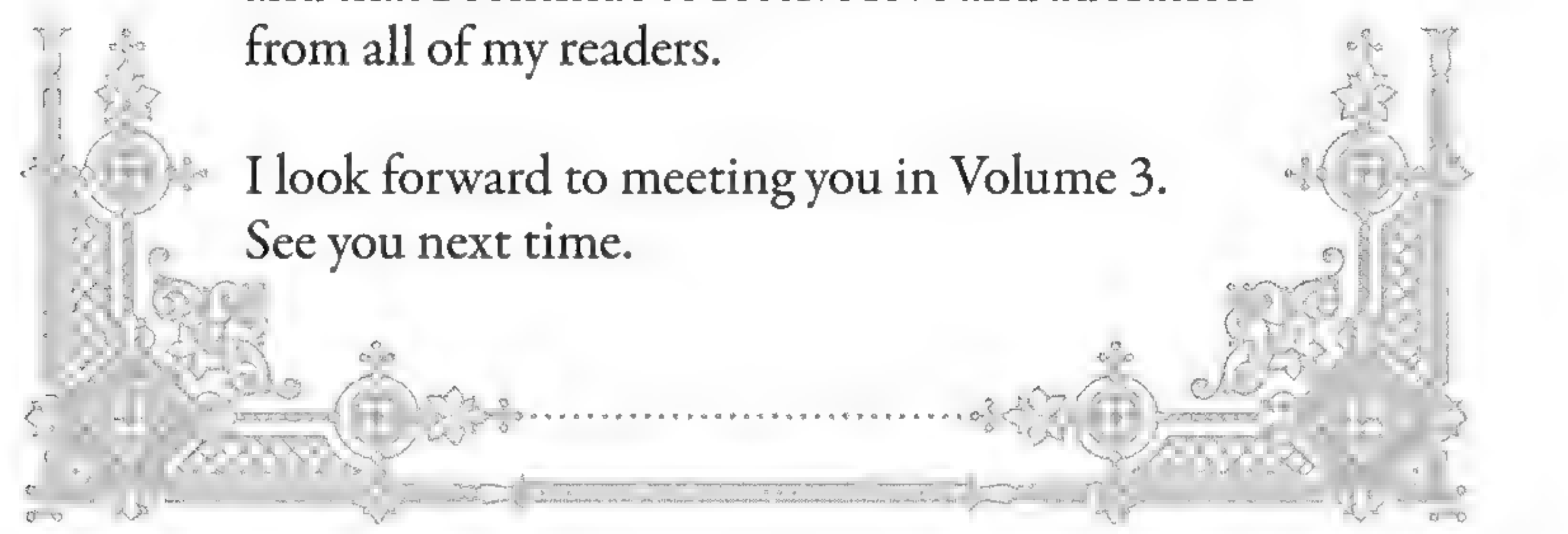




## AFTERWORD

Hello! This is the series author, Inori. How did you enjoy Volume 2? I was knocked out the moment I saw how adorable Ralaire looks under Aonoshimo-sensei's care. That isn't to say that Aonoshimo-sensei's appeal ends there. Far from it. Speaking of their appeal, I have countless things that I truly commend them for, but the afterword only has so much space. (A little joke for those who are in the know.)

Thanks to the runaway success of Volume 1, a second edition was ordered almost right after it went on sale. And! *I'm in Love with the Villainess* came in fifth on the "Manga We Want to See Animated Ranking" at Anime Japan 2021! I sincerely hope that this momentum continues and that I continue to receive love and adoration from all of my readers.



I look forward to meeting you in Volume 3.  
See you next time.









GALLERY



# Lene Arousseau



Age: 18 years

Height: 154 cm Weight: 46 kg

“Miss Claire, you mustn’t be so picky.”

Lene is a commoner, but she’s also the eldest daughter of the Arousseau merchant family. In order to further the bonds between their families, she works as a maid in the François household. She is one of the few people whom Claire allows to speak freely to her.



# Misha Jur



Age: 15 years

Height: 158 cm Weight: 51 kg

“Don’t go running wild, Rae.”

Rae’s roommate. Her family is made up of fallen nobles who are now commoners. When she was still a noble, she was rather close with Yu. She also secretly still adores him. Possesses a high aptitude for wind magic.







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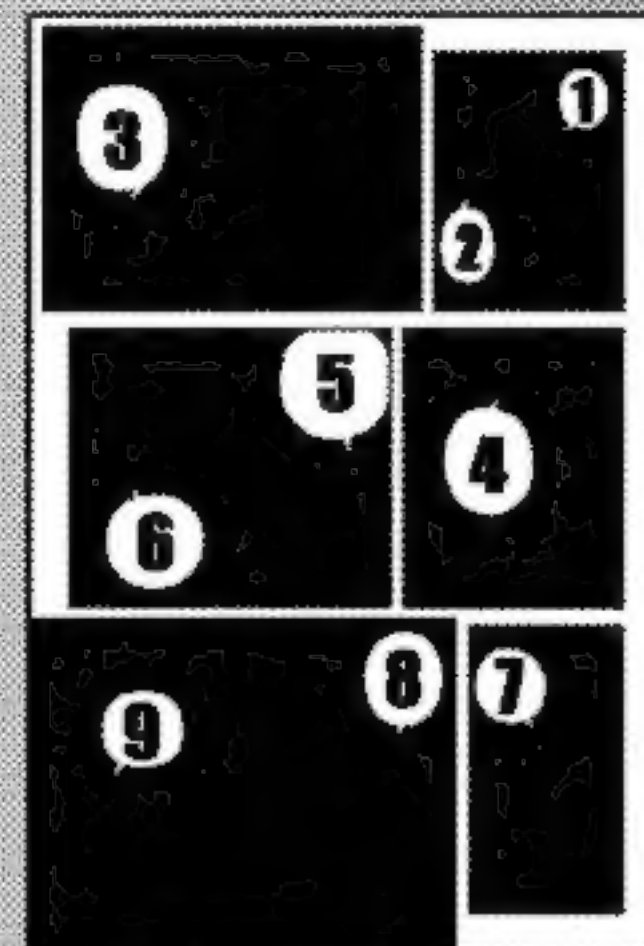
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# Love's Labor's Found



Former corporate worker Rei has been reborn as “Rae Taylor” in the world of her favorite dating sim, where she’s determined to romance the villainess, Claire François... or, failing that, at least make Claire happy!

Using knowledge from the game, Rae has become Claire’s maid, and now she’s trying to set her up with the second prince, Thane Bauer. Welcome to the next installment of this ridiculously heartwarming rom-com about a girl who’s all-in for her favorite character!



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